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Wabash Plain Dealer's new office now open

The Wabash Plain Dealer's new office is now open on the second floor at 99 W. Canal St.

Career Closet donations sought

Donations for the Career Closet will be collected through Friday, Feb. 21. Manchester University will accept gently used professional or business casual clothing and accessories. This event helps students who are not financially able to purchase professional clothing be able to dress appropriately when talking with employers and programs. Donations may be brought to Room 103 of the Chinworth Center on the North Manchester campus or Sarah Lauck at the Fort Wayne campus.

VFW to host fish fry

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 286 has planned a fish fry from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21 at 3678 W. Old Indiana 24. The menu will include hand-battered fish, baked beans, coleslaw and hush puppies. All-you-can-eat dine and in and carryout are available. The cost is \$8. It is open to the public.

Manchester hosts Polar Plunge to aid Special Olympics

Manchester invites residents of Wabash and Kosciusko counties to Freezin' for a Reason on Saturday, Feb. 22 outside the Physical Education and Recreation Center (PERC). Team members can sign up as participants, which means they jump in the water, or "virtual plungers," who raise money but do not get wet.

County, sheriff named in class action lawsuit alleging overcrowding

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Indiana filed a lawsuit Wednesday on behalf of individuals incarcerated at Wabash County Jail, according to Ariella Sult, director of communications.

The complaint claims the Wabash facility is "overcrowded and understaffed, resulting in dangerous, unconstitutional conditions in the jail."

"The lawsuit against Wabash County Jail is part of a larger pattern of county jail overcrowding in Indiana," stated Sult. "In 2018, an evaluation by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute found 77 percent of Indiana's jails to be overcrowded or at capacity."

The ACLU of Indiana has filed overcrowding lawsuits in more than a dozen county jails, including six ongoing cases in Allen, Gibson, Henry, Marshall, Vigo and Wabash counties, and one case open for monitoring in Monroe County.

"The hazardous conditions in these jails result in the denial of basic human needs and violations of the U.S. Constitution's protections against cruel and unusual punishment," stated Sult. "The ACLU of Indiana is pairing litigation with advocacy work that focuses on reducing overcrowding by reducing the number of people entering jails and prisons, revising extreme laws and policies that drive extraordinarily long prison terms, and expanding evidence-based opportunities for release. To that end, the ACLU Smart Justice Blueprint outlines a path to cut Indiana's incarcerated population in half while combating racial disparities in the criminal legal system."

In response to a Plain Dealer request Thursday, Wabash County Sheriff Ryan Baker declined to comment on the lawsuit.

"We do not comment on pending litigation," he stated.

Class-action suit

The class-action suit was filed Wednesday in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana South Bend Division

on behalf of Wabash County Jail inmates Jerry Copeland, John Whitt and James Dutton against Wabash County and Baker. Attorneys for the plaintiffs and the putative class are Stevie J. Pactor and Kenneth J. Falk of the ACLU of Indiana. The class-action suit covers all persons currently confined, or who will in the future be confined, in the Wabash County Jail.

"The Wabash County Jail is old, overcrowded and understaffed and as a result, it is a place where violence between prisoners is common and dangerous conditions prevail," stated the complaint. "The conditions in the jail, therefore, violate the Eighth and 14th amendments to the United States Constitution. Declaratory and injunctive relief should be issued to address and remedy the jail's systemic problems."

A history of overcrowding

The Wabash County Jail regularly houses more than 100 persons and the membership of the proposed class is constantly changing as prisoners enter and leave the facility. The current jail was constructed in 1979, with some renovations in 2006. The jail contains 72 permanent, operational beds. The jail is linear in structure, with various sized cell blocks containing individual cells and a small area outside of the cells that contains tables and chairs, known as a "day room." The cells that are designed to house more than one prisoner have two beds, arranged on top of one another like bunk beds.

Under Indiana law, county jails are periodically inspected by Indiana Department of Correction (DOC) jail

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Photos by Leeann Doerflein / Chronicle-Tribune

Participants brainstorm in a small group session focusing on how to apply the topics Winchester brought up to their communities.

'How you talk about your town matters'

Local leaders learn to rewrite the rural narrative

By **LEEANN DOERFLEIN**
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Leaders from Grant County and several other communities around Indiana gathered at Ivy Tech Marion to learn how to overcome negative attitudes surrounding rural communities last week.

The Community Foundation of Grant County invited Ben Winchester, senior research fellow with Minnesota Extension Center for Vitality, to share how to overcome the rural narrative.

Winchester said at the Feb 12 event that his goal is to share U.S. Census Bureau statistics that help debunk negative attitudes shared about rural communities by

metropolitan media and by rural residents themselves.

Just like the fields of corn and soybeans surrounding rural Indiana towns, the rural narrative has been cultivated for years, Winchester said. Common phrases like "brain drain," "middle of nowhere," "sleepy town" and "nobody locks their doors at night" all contribute to this narrative, he said.

Winchester said the narrative has been written for 80 years or more in some towns. A common reason for this narrative is that the community has had a perceived economic decline.

The fact that small towns don't look the same is OK, according to Winchester. While businesses have closed and schools have consolidated, he said rural people are not necessarily at fault for these conditions because change is also happening in metropolitan areas. Changes have occurred



Sociologist Ben Winchester speaks about rewriting the rural narrative to an audience of Indiana leaders at Ivy Tech Marion on Tuesday, Feb. 11.

in the past few decades because of restructuring in the global economy, a shift to regional business centers and a decreased birth rate, he explained.

"The reality is every time you hear about a hardware

store closing in a small town, there is one that also closed in Indy," Winchester said. "The only difference is that there are other stores in walking and driving dis-

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Stained glass art classes scheduled

Salamonie plans sessions throughout March

By **STAFF REPORT**

Several stained glass art classes will be held throughout March at Salamonie Interpretive and Nature Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews, according to a press release.

All classes will be geared for adults and instructed by local stained glass artist Katy Gray:

■ A beginner's one-day stained glass class will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 8. The cost is \$25 per participant. A red-tailed hawk feather sun catcher will be made. All materials will be supplied.

■ A two-day intermediate class will be held from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14 and Sunday, March 15. All participants of this class must have had recent, prior stained glass cutting and smoothing experience. The cost is \$40. The project will be a bee on a cone flower. All materials will be supplied.

■ Create a glass-on-glass framed mosaic image inspired by nature. The multi-day classes will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 5; Wednesday, March 11; Friday, March 13; Monday, March 16; and Tuesday, March 17. Participants should plan to attend each meeting. The cost is \$60 per person. Each participant will choose one: either a bee, red-tailed hawk or box turtle for their project. All materials will be supplied.

All classes require advance registration with a deadline of Sunday, March 1. Space is limited. Call 260-468-2127 for registration or questions.

IDEM offers students free interactive Earth Day presentations

Deadline to register is Friday, Feb. 21

By **STAFF REPORT**

To help Indiana schools celebrate Earth Day 2020, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management

(IDEM) is offering free hands-on classroom presentations to students across the state, according to a press release.

Every year, IDEM staff visit schools to talk about their careers and share STEM-based lessons on air, land, water and recycling. Earth Day lessons are

available for elementary schools and vary in length from 30 to 50 minutes. The interactive presentations offer activities such as reduce, reuse, recycle your trash or a demonstration on how water flows through a watershed. Teachers who participated last year commented on how much they enjoyed the

"hands-on way of learning" and "visual aids that were used to enhance the lesson."

Presentations are available on a first-come, first-served basis throughout the month of April, and each school may request up to four presentations.

Registration is now open and teachers can request

a presentation by visiting www.idem.IN.gov/iee/index.htm.

The deadline to register is Friday, Feb. 21.

Educators may direct questions to IDEM's Environmental Education Outreach Coordinator by email at education@idem.IN.gov or by phone at 800-988-7901.

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...tance in Indy.”

Instead of focusing on the fact that small towns are often no longer a living Norman Rockwell painting, Winchester said rural people should focus on things they can control like negative phrases and focusing on the future instead of the past.

“Our towns are not where we should be, so we want to look back and blame somebody else,” Winchester said.

A glimmer of hope for rural communities can be found in statistics; since 1970 rural population has gone up. A large reason for this, Winchester said, is the migration to suburbs, as 18 counties have reclassified to urban counties due to migration from the urban core of large Indiana cities. Over this time period, however, Grant County’s population has decreased by 5 percent.

A way to draw new residents, according to Winchester, is to change the narrative from “middle of nowhere” to “middle of everywhere.” Census and personal interview data Winchester has gathered indicates a regional approach to choosing a hometown. He said people are looking for homes in a three-to-five-county area around where they go for work and entertainment.

To draw newcomers, Winchester said communities should play up safety, security and a simpler life and look at ways to keep housing prices low. He said data shows residents moving out of big cities typically bring with them additional tools to strengthen rural communities, like higher income, a bachelor’s degree and a family comprised of several children.

Because new residents are often educated, Winchester said “brain drain” is less of a problem than typically thought. While college-age residents leave, people in their 30s are moving in with their family and people in their 40s and 50s move in for a quieter life. Instead of brain drain, Winchester wants communities to think of these changes as “brain circulation.”

Winchester cautioned that communities should be watchful of how they refer to their community around children in order to maximize the chances they will return home.

“If all your kids hear is that there is nothing here for them, they are never going to be coming back,” Winchester said. “How you talk about your town matters and will matter even more when they are deciding in 20 years whether to come back.”

Dawn Brown, executive director of the Community Foundation, said she and Megan Matthias, the foundation’s community investment manager, hope to use ideas from this presentation to make better grant proposals in the upcoming years. Brown said she hopes others will be able to do the same.

“You guys are going to have a great day of learning and statistics,” Brown said before Winchester’s talk. “Megan and I fly our nerd flags high, so we hope you enjoy the statistics and learn how we can apply them to our community.”

Marion Rotary Club President LaRea Slater, who lives between Matthews and Upland, said for communities that want to see growth, a first step can simply be shopping local and thinking positive.

“When you live in a small town, you have to think about the positive, not just the negative,” Slater said. “One thing that I enjoy doing is supporting the new businesses that come into Upland. When there’s a new nail salon, I get my nails done there. ... You have to support those new businesses.”

Check out the Feb. 19 edition of the Tribune for more coverage of Winchester’s talks, including strategies and information surrounding the rural housing shortage. Follow Leeann on Twitter @leeanndoerflin

Holcomb pledges support for eroding Lake Michigan shoreline

Governor surveyed the damage via ISP helicopter on Sunday

By STAFF REPORT

Governor Eric J. Holcomb announced Thursday he signed an executive order Wednesday directing state agencies to pursue collection of damage information that could lead to a declaration of disaster emergency along the Lake Michigan shoreline, according to a press release.

He also outlined steps state agencies will take to assist in the shoreline.

Holcomb surveyed the Lake Michigan shoreline via Indiana State Police (ISP) helicopter on Sunday and observed conditions along the entire shoreline including Beverly Shores, Ogden Dunes, Portage and Long Beach.

The executive order calls for:

■ Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) to immediately notify the office of the Governor if the damage criteria, set by the federal government, are met to allow the state of Indiana to apply for federal disaster assistance so the Governor can issue an executive order declaring a disaster emergency.

■ IDHS to seek other federal funding, programs or assistance that may be available for short-term and long-term mitigation projects.

■ IDHS and Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to make every effort to identify additional means, methods and ways to provide necessary and appropriate assistance.

■ DNR to continue to expedite its review and granting of governmental permits requested by property owners so they can initiate projects to protect their properties along the shoreline as quickly as possible.

■ IDHS to develop and launch a webpage to share updates and new information.

“The state of Indiana has already taken steps to help address and respond to the situation with coordinated efforts between IDHS and DNR. State officials have visited the affected areas on several occasions to observe the damage. DNR signed a letter of support for the Great Lakes Resiliency Study, which is an effort by Great Lakes states and federal partners to find strategies to improve the shoreline. DNR, DHS, local officials and members of Indiana’s congressional delegation have participated in training with FEMA to ensure a proper understanding of the federal Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act,” stated the release. “Relevant state leaders will continue to communicate and collaborate with local, state and federal partners.”



Provided photos

Gov. Eric Holcomb took this photo of Lake Michigan erosion in Long Beach.



Gov. Eric Holcomb took this photo of Lake Michigan erosion in Beverly Shores.

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Downhill (R) Fri: 9:45 Sat: 4:15, 9:45 Sun: 1:40, 6:50 Mon - Thurs: 6:50	Birds of Prey (R) Fri: 6:35, 9:25 Sat: 1:20, 3:55, 6:35, 9:25 Sun: 1:20, 3:55, 6:35 Mon - Thurs: 6:35	Dolittle (PG) Fri: 6:50 Sat: 1:40, 6:50 Sun: 4:15

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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 35°, humidity of 32%. Southwest wind 6 to 14 mph. Expect clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 24°. South southwest wind 9 to 13 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 15°. Saturday, skies will be sunny with a high of 44°, humidity of 44%.

Guillain-barre syndrome is a rare, painful autoimmune disease

DEAR DOCTOR: My brother-in-law thought he had the flu, but it turned out to be Guillain-Barre syndrome. He’s now in his fifth month of an intense recovery. What can you tell me about the disease?

DEAR READER: Guillain-Barre syndrome is a rare disorder that affects about 1 in 100,000 people each year. It’s an autoimmune disease, which means the immune system goes a bit haywire. It mistakes cells within your body as threatening invaders and sets out to destroy them. In Guillain-Barre, the immune system attacks the peripheral nervous system, which encompasses all of the nerves in the body other than the brain and spinal cord. Infection with certain viruses and bacteria is a known trigger of Guillain-Barre, and is responsible for up to two-thirds of all cases.

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
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Damage to the nerves results in weakness and exhaustion, often accompanied by tingling or pinprick sensations in the extremities. In the early stages of Guillain-Barre, people experience a loss of coordination that can impair balance, movement, speech, swallowing, vision and bladder control. These initial symptoms, along with possible abnormal blood pressure, both high and low, evolve over the course of the first few weeks. Progressive muscle weakness affects both sides of the body and occurs rapidly, often within hours or days. Severe cases of Guillain-Barre syndrome affect the patient’s ability to breathe and result in near-complete paralysis.

Diagnosis relies largely on a person’s symptoms. However, blood tests to measure red blood cells, white blood cells, platelets and hemoglobin, and metabolic panels to determine levels of electrolytes, blood sugar, total proteins and metabolic waste products, may be used to rule out other conditions. Guillain-Barre can cause certain changes to spinal fluid, so a lumbar puncture, also known as a spinal tap, may be ordered. Tests to measure nerve function can also be useful.

There is no known cure, so treatment consists of addressing existing symptoms, which is known as supportive care. This includes blood therapies such as plasma exchange, or plasmapheresis, which “cleans” the blood, or immunoglobulin therapy, which uses antibodies to try to calm the immune system. Patients often experience significant pain, which can be eased with medication. Since prolonged inactivity can lead to blood clots, compression garments and blood thinners are prescribed often. In serious cases, when swallowing or breathing are compromised, a feeding tube or a ventilator may be needed.

Most patients recover completely. However, as in the case of your brother-in-law, it’s often a gradual process. A lucky few are up and about in just a few months, but the majority of patients take about a year to fully recuperate. It’s also possible for recovery to take several years, and for patients to experience ongoing neurological issues.

Rehabilitative care includes physical, speech and occupational therapy. It can be a tough road back to good health, and many patients and their caregivers find a support group to be helpful. You can find more information at the Guillain-Barre Syndrome Foundation’s web site at gbs-cidp.org.

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Michael Jacob Heitz

Nov. 10, 1949 – Feb. 18, 2020

Michael Jacob Heitz, 70, of Jonesboro, Indiana, formerly of Wabash, Indiana died at 9:40 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2020 at Visiting Nurse and Hospice



Home in Fort Wayne. He was born Nov. 10, 1949 in Bluffton, Indiana to Robert William and Marjorie L. (Fritz) Heitz.

Mike was a 1968 graduate of Wabash High School. He was a self employed contractor, and owned and operated Heitz Construction. He also served as the City of Wabash Building Inspector, was a union electrician, drove trailers for FEMA, and worked with Heitz Heating and Cooling. He enjoyed fishing, mushroom hunting, and traveling.

He is survived by two children, Michael “Jay” (Lisa) Heitz of Wabash, and Jessica Weiss of Marion, Indiana, six grandchildren, Michael

“David” Heitz of Huntington, Indiana, Colyn Heitz and Rocky Strickler, both of Wabash, Keaton Weiss of Kokomo, Indiana, Kale Weiss of Great Lakes, Illinois, and Kaden Weiss of Marion, mother, Marjorie L. Heitz and sister Marianne (Paul) Blair, both of Wabash. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert William Heitz.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor Robb Rensberger officiating. Burial will be in Lancaster Cemetery, Huntington County. Friends may call 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Monday, at the funeral home.

The memorial guest book for Mike may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Pearl Mae Sturgill

May 26, 1941 – Feb. 20, 2020

Pearl Mae Sturgill, 78, of Roann, Indiana, died at 1:36 am, Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020 at Parkview Wabash Hospital. She was born May 26, 1941 in Pound, Virginia to Woodrow Wilson Sturgill and Maudie Ellen (Sturgill) Sturgill.



Pearl worked at General Tire in Wabash, retiring after 29 years. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, making quilts, traveling, going on cruises, and gambling.

She is survived by three sister, Beulah (Harold) Coots and Peggy (Henry) Castle, both of Wabash, and Patsy (Donald) Wendel of Portland, Indiana, brother, Billy Ray Sturgill, Sr.

of Roann, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, and four brothers, Foster, Bob, Ronnie, and Teddy Sturgill.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 24, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Roann Chapel, 335 S. Chipewa Rd., Roann, with Pete Powell officiating. Entombment will be in the Chapel of Remembrance Mausoleum at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday, at the funeral home.

The memorial guest book for Pearl may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

James ‘Jim’ Rittenhouse

May 29, 1930 – Feb. 16, 2020

James “Jim” Rittenhouse, 89, Fort Wayne, Indiana, passed away Feb. 16, 2020. Born May 29, 1930 in Bippus, Indiana.

Jim Rittenhouse is survived by his son, Michael (Cathy) Rittenhouse; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Jim is preceded in death by wife, Patsy Rittenhouse; son, James Geist; brother Er-

nest Rittenhouse; and sister, Norma Betten.

Calling Saturday, Feb. 22 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at New Haven United Methodist Church, 630 Lincoln Hwy E, New Haven. Funeral services will begin at the conclusion of calling. Graveside service at Oaklawn Cemetery, 600 Beckley Street, North Manchester at 3 p.m. February 22.

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To register, visit <https://www.firstgiving.com/event/soindiana/Polar-Plunge-North-Manchester>. Events begin at 10 a.m. with sign-ups and welcome, followed by costume judging at noon. The water portion is 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., with the After-Splash Bash lunch at 1:30 p.m.

Manchester Civic Band looking for new members

A callout meeting has been planned for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26 at the Manchester High School band room through the double doors at the southeast corner of the building. Practices are held beginning at 7 p.m. and ending at either 8:30 or 9 p.m. Wednesdays in the Manchester High School Band Room.

MSD to host community presentation Feb. 27

MSD of Wabash County will be hosting a Community Presentation to share updates on their Strategic Plan at 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27 at Southwood Jr./Sr. High School, 564 Indiana 124.

Somerset Lions Club to hold euchre event

The Somerset Lions Club is set to host a euchre event Sat-

urday, Feb. 29 in the Somerset Community Building. The entry fee is \$10. Registration is from 1 to 1:45 p.m. Play begins at 2 p.m. There will be cash prizes for Most Loners, Highest Score, Second Highest Score, 50-50 Drawing and two drawings for the entry fee. Soft drinks, hot dogs, cookies and chips will be available for a donation. Proceeds will support Somerset projects.

Manchester hosts Spartan Smash high school eSports tourney

High school teams across the Midwest are invited to the Spartan Smash Invitational, a first-time eSports competition, set for Saturday, Feb. 29, on the North Manchester campus of Manchester University. Registration will close at 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28. The tournament bracket will be made available that Saturday morning. Competition is in Flory Auditorium at the Science Center. For more information and registration, visit <https://smash.gg/tournament/spartan-smash-invitational>.

Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

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inspectors. The most recent inspection of the jail was conducted in February 2019. At the time of the February inspection of the jail, the DOC’s jail inspector noted that on the day of inspection the jail exceeded its rated capacity and that there was not a bed for all the prisoners. At the time of the inspection, the jail housed 108 inmates, and an additional 64 inmates were being temporarily housed out of the county.

Wabash County Commissioners have in public meetings indicated that the jail is chronically overcrowded and that the county urgently needs a new jail. During one such meeting in October 2019, Baker was given unanimous approval by the commissioners for an interlocal governmental agreement with Elkhart County to house Wabash County Jail inmates at a rate of \$40 per day through the end of 2020. County Attorney Steve Downs had previously given his approval to the agreement. At the time, Baker said the county routinely sends inmates to both Miami and Elkhart counties “because we have more prisoners than beds.”

The Wabash County Jail is above its rated capacity 100 percent of the time and has been since at least 2016.

“A jail facility is deemed to be overcrowded long before it gets to 100 percent of capacity. This is because, when a jail exceeds 80 percent of its capacity (and under certain circumstances less than that percentage of capacity), it becomes difficult if not impossible to conduct a necessary classification of prisoners much beyond separating men and women,” stated the complaint. “Classification is essential to protect the safety of both prisoners and staff. By way of example only, inmates with mental and physical disabilities should be separated from those without those disabilities, prisoners who are prone to be preyed upon should be separated from predators, and prisoners who have had previous problems with each other should be separated.”

A lack of recreation areas

The overcrowded conditions prevent adequate classification, producing dangerous conditions, according to the complaint.

“As a result of the overcrowding in the jail, many if not most of the day rooms have bunks installed in them or house inmates who sleep on plastic ‘boats’ on the floor,” stated the complaint. “This causes a great deal of tension because the small size of the day rooms means that prisoners have very little space to maneuver around each other. There are not enough seats and tables for inmates to eat their meals, resulting in prisoners sitting on the floor to eat. Disputes and violence commonly arise among prisoners, due to the lack of secure areas for inmates housed in the day room to store property, disputes overuse of the single cellblock shower, and general tensions due to a large number of people in a very small space.

Also, there is no outdoor recreational area at the jail, according to the complaint.

“The indoor recreation room, which is the only recreational space in the facility, is also often used for housing purposes,” stated the complaint. “When they are housed in the recreation room, inmates sleep on the floor in that room, on mats or plastic boats. There is no toilet or running water in the recreation room, and in-

mates have been given cups in which to urinate and then dump down a drain in the floor of the room. This is extremely unsanitary, and inmates complain of the smell in the recreation room.”

Because the recreation room is often used for this purpose, and because of the large number of inmates in the jail, inmates are not provided regular recreation, “a fact that exacerbates tensions in the jail,” according to the complaint.

“Recreation opportunities are extremely important for prisoners as physical exercise is essential to maintain physical and mental health and to relieve the tension that is inevitable in an institutional environment,” stated the complaint. “The opportunity for vigorous physical exercise is even more important in an overcrowded jail, as in such a situation tensions escalate and there is an inadequate area within the prisoners’ living space to engage in exercise.”

The library is also sometimes used to house inmates, who sleep on the floor when housed there. There is no access to water or a toilet in the library, according to the complaint.

“When inmates need to use the restroom while housed in the library, they are told to attract the attention of guards. Guards often do not respond quickly, and inmates are forced to wait to relieve themselves,” stated the complaint. “There is insufficient (number of) staff at the jail to adequately monitor the prisoners.”

Inmates with medical or mental health conditions are housed in the general population and “are not seen (promptly) if at all,” according to the complaint.

“Assaults between prisoners are frequent, aggravated by the overcrowded conditions,” stated the complaint.

The jail is locked down daily from approximately 11 p.m. to 5 a.m., according to the complaint.

“While on lockdown and at other times, jail staff frequently do not respond to requests for attention or assistance from prisoners,” stated the complaint. “The only way to alert or contact jail staff is to bang on the doors of the cell blocks. This is extremely dangerous, as jail staff are not aware of and cannot intervene in the event of violence among inmates, or the event of a medical emergency. The lack of meaningful recreation, the overcrowding, and the lack of staff supervision cause continuous tension and dangerous conditions at the jail. The conditions at the jail are objectively unreasonable.”

In addition to the more general points of the complaint, specific allegations have been made by each of the named plaintiffs in the suit. Each of them has filed grievances concerning the overcrowding at the jail. All three claim to have only occasionally been offered recreation opportunities, to have witnessed inmates with mental health conditions being preyed upon by other inmates because of the lack of effective classification in the jail and to have seen prisoners fighting because of the tensions on the block. They have “thus fully exhausted the jail’s grievance system,” according to the complaint.

Jerry Copeland

Copeland has been incarcerated in the jail since July 2019.

Copeland was charged with the murder of Richard Alex Watkins, 31, Wabash, in Wabash Circuit Court in August 2019.

He was previously incarcerated at the jail on several

occasions, beginning in approximately 1995.

Copeland is currently incarcerated as a pretrial detainee. A pretrial conference has been scheduled for June 15 before Judge Robert R. McCallen. A jury trial has been scheduled before McCallen at 8:30 a.m. July 14 through 17.

“When Copeland first arrived at the Jail, he was housed in a holding cell that contained four persons. There were no permanent beds in that cell, and the four inmates housed there slept on mats on the floor. He remained in that cell for approximately one week,” stated the complaint. “Copeland was then transferred to a segregation cell that housed four persons, who slept on four beds arranged in double bunks. He remained in that cell for approximately six weeks.

Copeland was then transferred to cellblock 5, where he remains. Cellblock 5 contains six individual cells, each with two bunked beds and a day room. The day room of cell block 5 has two sets of triple-stacked bunk beds installed in it, housing an additional six individuals Copeland has been housed in one of those six beds in the day room since he arrived in cell block 5, according to the complaint.

“Since Copeland arrived in cell block 5, the 12 beds in the individual cells and the six beds in the day room have almost always been full,” stated the complaint.

John Whitt

Whitt has been incarcerated in the jail since October 2019.

According to court records, Whitt was charged with four felonies including dealing in methamphetamine amount of 10 or more grams, possession of methamphetamine between 10 and 28 grams, unlawful possession of a syringe and being a felon carrying a handgun when the defendant has a prior felony conviction within the last 15 years. He also faces a misdemeanor charge of carrying a handgun without a license. A pretrial conference before McCallen has been scheduled for 1 p.m. May 18. A jury trial before McCallen has been scheduled for 8:30 a.m. June 16 and 17.

Whitt was previously incarcerated at the jail on several occasions, beginning in approximately 2005. Whitt is currently incarcerated as a pretrial detainee.

When Whitt first arrived at the jail, he was housed in cell block 4. That cellblock had three individual cells, with two beds in each, and a day room that contained six triple-bunked beds. Whitt was then transferred to the Miami County Jail, due to overcrowding in the Wabash County Jail. Whitt was transferred back to the Wabash County Jail, where he was housed in cellblock 5 for approximately two months. Whitt was then moved to cellblock 4, where he sleeps on one of the triple-bunked beds in the day room, where he remains, according to the complaint.

James Dutton

Dutton has been incarcerated in the jail since October 2019. According to court records, Dutton was charged with three felonies, including two charges of possession of methamphetamine and one charge of unlawful possession of a syringe. He was previously incarcerated at the jail on several occasions, beginning in approximately 1995.

Dutton is currently incarcerated as a post-conviction prisoner. On Feb. 10, McCallen sentenced Dutton to four years, with a jail credit of 120 days and a one-year suspended sentence. Once Dutton has

served the equivalent of two years, the court recommends electronic home detention through Community Corrections. The court ordered Recovery While Incarcerated or similar substance abuse treatment or therapy. Upon the offender’s successful completion of the clinically indicated addiction recovery treatment program (as determined by the DOC), the judge will consider a motion for modification of the offender’s sentence, if appropriate and if agreed upon by the state of Indiana.

When Dutton first arrived at the jail, he was housed in the recreation room, which at that time housed approximately three other people. Those inmates, including Dutton, slept on mats on the floor. Dutton was then transferred to the Miami County Jail, due to overcrowding in the Wabash County Jail. Dutton was then transferred back to the Wabash County Jail, where he was again initially housed in the recreation room, on a mat on the floor. Dutton was then transferred to cellblock 5, where he was initially housed in the day room. After approximately one month, he was moved to a bed within a cell in cell block 5, according to the complaint.

“Since Dutton arrived in cell block 5, the 12 beds in the individual cells and the six beds in the day room have almost always been full,” stated the complaint.

Legal claims

According to the complaint, the named plaintiffs are “concerned not only for their safety but for the health and safety of other prisoners who are similarly injured by the conditions in the jail.”

“They believe that all prisoners are negatively affected by the overcrowding, lack of sufficient staff, lack of recreation and the problems that result from these conditions,” stated the complaint. “The defendants have been on notice for several years concerning the deficiencies in the jail but have failed to take the necessary steps to resolve the overcrowding and related problems. At all times they have acted (deliberately and purposefully).”

The conditions in the jail result in the “denial of basic human needs and the minimal civilized measures of life’s necessities and amount to punishment,” according to the complaint.

The complaint alleges Baker and Wabash County have failed in their “mandatory duty to establish and maintain the jail in a constitutional manner.”

“The actions and inactions of the defendants are causing the named plaintiffs and the putative class irreparable harm for which there is no adequate remedy at law,” stated the complaint. “At all times the defendants have acted and have refused to act under color of state law.”

The plaintiffs request that the court:

■ Accept the jurisdiction of this case and set it for hearing.

■ Certify this case as a class action with the class as defined.

■ Declare that the actions and inactions of the defendants violate the United States Constitution.

■ Enter an injunction requiring the defendants to take all steps necessary to ensure that the conditions of confinement at the Wabash County Jail comply with the United States Constitution.

■ Award the plaintiffs their costs and reasonable attorneys’ fees.

■ Award all other proper relief.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

"We love because He first loved us."

1 John 4:19

When Donald Trump is the law

‘I’m actually, I guess, the chief law enforcement officer of the country,’ President Trump said on Tuesday.

The alarming thing is that he’s right. The nation’s founders put the president in charge of the executive branch, which is tasked with enforcing the law. That is a remarkably broad power, and it can be easily abused. So it’s worth asking: What does Donald Trump understand the law to be?

Well before the events of the past week, Mr. Trump supplied a pretty good idea: The law is something that applies to his adversaries, not to himself or his friends. He regularly turned to the courts to harass and intimidate employees, critics and contractors. But when it has come to his own perceived advantage – whether he was violating federal fair-housing laws to keep black renters out of his apartment buildings, playing shady games with his tax returns, sexually assaulting women, defrauding students of his “university,” raiding his own charity, buying the silence of alleged mistresses on the eve of an election, running his global business empire out of the White House, or thwarting the will of Congress by using foreign aid to advance his re-election – Mr. Trump has always seen the law as just another set of rules to be bent, if not broken.

Americans, meet your chief law enforcement officer.

Mr. Trump has claimed that

the Constitution gives him “the right to do whatever I want.” His lawyers have argued in a federal case involving his tax returns that a sitting president cannot even be investigated. They have also, in a head-spinning assertion of executive authority, dismissed any efforts by Congress to hold the president and the executive branch accountable – even in an impeachment inquiry – as “constitutionally invalid.”

On Tuesday, the president granted clemency to a rogues’ gallery of, well, rogues – including the former Illinois governor Rod Blagojevich (extorting a children’s hospital and trying to sell a Senate seat), the disgraced junk-bond trader Michael Milken (multiple counts of tax and securities fraud) and the former New York City police commissioner Bernard Kerik (tax fraud and lying to the government).

The White House claimed that Mr. Trump’s mercy reflected his deep concern with excessive criminal sentences. If so, he has an interesting way of showing it. The American justice system is rife with examples of inequity, but being too tough on white-collar criminals is not among them.

This air of monarchical impunity has colored many of Mr. Trump’s actions as president, but especially in the last several days. Before his grants of clemency, he brazenly tried to interfere in the criminal sentencing of his longtime

crony and fixer, Roger Stone, who was convicted last year of lying to Congress, obstructing justice and intimidating a witness. After federal prosecutors sought a sentence of seven to nine years, which was within the sentencing guidelines’ range, Mr. Trump demanded that Mr. Stone receive a lighter sentence – which Attorney General William Barr then requested. Mr. Trump has since personally attacked the prosecutors, the federal judge and the jury forewoman on the case.

On Wednesday, Mr. Trump retweeted calls for Mr. Barr to “clean house” at the Justice Department, apparently referring to anyone with the temerity to maintain allegiance to the Constitution rather than to the president.

Characteristically, while interfering in the justice system, Mr. Trump is both insisting he’s doing nothing of the sort and asserting his right to do so. “Just so you understand, I chose not to be involved,” he said Tuesday in response to a question about his meddling in Mr. Stone’s case. “I’m allowed to be totally involved.”

This is in the style of autocrats across the globe, who weaponize the law to help themselves and their friends and hurt their enemies. The nation’s legal system is now run by a man who has spent his life mocking it.

A version of this editorial was first published in The New York Times.



New Hampshire brightens Democrats’ prospects

After three failures as the Democratic presidential nominee (1896, 1900, 1908), Nebraska’s William Jennings Bryan, a populist teetotaler,

George Will



me in there.” Joe Biden can sympathize.

He was already in his third Senate term when he sought the Democrats’ 1988 nomination. His campaign expired before Iowa, in September 1987. In 2008, his campaign collapsed the night he received 0.9 percent of Iowa’s vote. He has never won anywhere outside Delaware, the nation’s 45th-most populous state, which has not elected a Republican as congressman since 2008, as senator since 1994, or as governor since 1988.

In New Hampshire, Elizabeth Warren finished fourth and closer to last than to third. This effectively ended one of the two candidacies that could have guaranteed Donald Trump’s reelection. The other, that of Bernie Sanders, probably reached its apogee Tuesday because the success of Amy Klobuchar, who finished third but much closer to first than to fourth, demonstrated Democrats’ realism about how to defeat Trump at a time when 70 percent of voters self-identify as moderate or conservative.

Today’s nomination process has myriad defects but one manifest virtue: It provides ample time and small early venues for aspirants who, like Klobuchar, start with more pluck than money, and less notoriety than seriousness. Sanders’ coming defeat might send some of his most dys-

peptic supporters – those most like him – into hibernation or opposition. Pouting would be in character for true believers who are self-righteous and ideologically inebriated. But it would not necessarily be fatal to the Democratic Party, which has survived defections before. In 1948, South Carolina Gov. Strom Thurmond led the Dixiecrats’ rebellion on the right and Henry Wallace, Franklin Roosevelt’s second vice president, led the Progressives’ departure from the left, yet FDR’s third vice president, then-President Harry Truman, won anyway.

Mike Bloomberg’s 30-second ads do not resemble the Federalist Papers but neither do they lower the intellectual tone set by the Democrats’ “debates,” and they have propelled him into contention. There is, however, some point at which such blast marketing has steeply diminishing effectiveness. In the last five months of the 2016 campaign, in two hotly contested metropolitan areas in swing states, Las Vegas saw 20,471 presidential campaign ads and Columbus, Ohio, saw 15,658. Such media blitzkriegs become like wallpaper – there but not noticed.

Whether Bloomberg’s campaign succeeds or fails, the republic will benefit. If nominated, he might go on to fumigate the Oval Office, and the political scolds who lament “too much money in politics” will be ecstatic about what his spending accomplished. If, however, his “overwhelming” spending does not overwhelm, this will refute the scolds’ unempirical assertions about the irresistible power of money-bought advertising. In 1957, Ford Motor Co. put its enormous marketing power behind a new product, but the Edsel’s unhappy life lasted just 26 months.

In politics, too, the product itself matters more than the marketing of it. Bloomberg’s

incurable anti-charisma makes him the equivalent of a no-nonsense sedan, an agreeable contrast with the gaudy chrome-and-tailfins of Trump, a human land yacht. Bloomberg’s demeanor is that of someone who knows how to smile but resists the inclination. There are, however, credible reports of a dry – arid, actually – Bloomberg witticism. Asked about a possible fall campaign between two billionaires, he replied: Who would be the second one?

Bloomberg has a knack for getting under Trump’s microscopically thin skin. His needling of Trump would augment the public stock of harmless pleasure, and could leave Trump wallowing waist deep in his insecurities, a sight that members of his cult need to see and everyone else would enjoy seeing.

Among Democratic activists, a nascent ABB faction – Anybody But Bloomberg – is decrying New York’s “stop and frisk” anti-handgun police measures during his mayoralty, measures often applied to young minority males. This policy probably was more lamented by white liberals living in buildings with doormen than by minorities living in danger. Nevertheless, a party whose most fervid members consider “billionaire” an answerable epithet might flinch from nominating one of those who was last elected to office as a Republican.

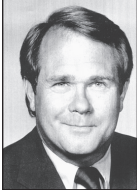
So, a Bloomberg-Klobuchar ticket is less feasible, and probably would be less potent than, say, a Klobuchar-Deval Patrick (the African American former two-term governor of Massachusetts) ticket. So, after Tuesday, it is somewhat less likely that the Trump-Mike Pence ticket will repeat its Midwest victories or add Minnesota to them.

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Getting serious about crime

‘This recent shooting took place in a food desert area. We must take the blinders off and recognize that if the city continues to ignore the core problems, the gun violence will be the new normal.’ – The Baptist Minister’s Alliance and the Concerned

Craig Ladwig
Indiana Policy Review



Clergy of Indianapolis following a quadruple murder recently
The Indianapolis Star has wrapped up a year-long series of articles on crime. The series carried the snappy title, “The Toll,” the kind of journalistic product written primarily for the eyes of the Pulitzer Committee. That is, it covers every aspect of the subject that is politically correct, ignores the rest and recommends some new law or policy.

But murdering your neighbor is already against not only Indiana law but every code and more of any state, nation or village. It has been for a long time. (Yes, the ancient Norse were allowed to kill their neighbor if they could afford the fine, but we will not be distracted here.)

The issue overlooked by the Star is this: Can Indiana cities summon the resources and the will – mostly the political will – to do something about it. A friend sends me a heartfelt open letter from an Indianapolis pastor. It reads: “Indy, in the last 89 days 177 people have been shot, 59 people have been stabbed and 51 people have been killed. In the first 37 days of 2020, Indy, we have had 24 criminal homicides. Indy, we have a public-safety crisis, and we must address this together. We cannot ignore this fact.”

It is dollars to donuts, however, that the pastor has joined others in his community in insisting on a solution that does not involve the arrest or even impolite questioning of suspects in numbers disproportionate to the demographic makeup of the city generally.

In the case of Indianapolis, those proportions at the last census were 62 percent white, 28 percent black and the rest “other.”

Hypothetically then, police in the most dangerous area of the city, investigating the most serious crimes, could question less than a quarter of the suspects/witnesses if they hoped to defend themselves against political criticism for “profiling” or engaging in “stop-and-frisk,” let alone an old-fashioned dragnet. That leaves a lot of homicidal recidivism wandering around out there.

Let’s narrow it down further. As an old police reporter, I have never known a policeman who wasn’t trying straightforwardly to do his or her job, to honor the oath with the time and resources available. Prosecutors, though, are a different matter.

They fancy themselves clever enough to do the calculation that it would be cheapest and easiest to hold hands with some pastors and bemoan a spike in murder statistics. It is certainly easier than: 1) drilling down into the evidence; 2) pursuing full prosecution regardless of the race of the defendant; 3) campaigning for the staff and money to do the job; and 4) taking the resultant public beating from the local media and activists, one that will likely attract a well-financed opponent in the next election.

So, best case, plea bargain down to a drug or weapons offense. Isn’t that why we have drug and weapons offenses – as bargaining chips to get prosecutors off the political hook?

OK, this too serious for sarcasm. A family friend who lives in one of those dangerous places tells a story. He can sometime tell it without tears. His son died some months ago walking home after drinking beers with a friend, only a few blocks away from the safety of the home in which he was born. He was killed in a shooting, a random shooting, not even a robbery.

IndyPolitics reported in “Murder by the Numbers” that that 50 percent of the identified murder suspects in its sample had a previous weapons arrest, 70 percent had a previous drug arrest and 65 percent had a previous crimes-against-persons arrest.

With such bad company, maybe our friend’s son shouldn’t have been walking home alone at that time of night? Had discrimination prevented him from getting a better job so he could move to a safer neighborhood? And what about the killers? What were the root causes of their anger? Did the shooting occur in a food desert? Had there been sufficiently funded peer initiatives to help deescalate conflict? How about investment in grassroots organizations? Were the assailants troubled, emotionally scarred in various ways? Abused maybe?

Perhaps to all of that, but it is no comfort to our friend that a legal system allowing murderers to run loose is sensitive to the plight of the under privileged and emotionally troubled. This is life and death, not juice break at yoga class. He lost his only son.

If a summary is needed it is that there is no reason – no reason – that any section of our city should be less safe than any other section. That holds regardless of the resources that must be reallocated and refocused on the high-crime areas, and regardless of what that might do to the racial balance oin a particular night’s police blotter.

And we needn’t wait for the Indy Star to win a Pulitzer to get started.

Craig Ladwig is editor of the quarterly Indiana Policy Review.

HISTORY

Today is Friday, Feb. 21, the 52nd day of 2020. There are 314 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Feb. 21, 1975, former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and former White House aides H.R. Haldean and John D. Ehrlichman were sentenced to 2 ½ to 8 years in prison for their roles in the Watergate cover-up (each ended up serving a year and a-half).

On this date:

In 1613, Mikhail Romanov, 16, was unanimously chosen by Russia’s national assembly to be czar, beginning a dynasty that would last three centuries.

In 1862, Nathaniel Gordon became the first and only American slave-trader to be executed under the U.S. Piracy Law of 1820 as he was hanged in New York.

Thought for Today: “There is nothing more horrifying than stupidity in action.” – Adlai E. Stevenson, American politician and diplomat (1900-1965).

Worship

CHURCH NEWS

Asbury Country Church

On Sunday, Feb. 23, at Asbury Country Church, the Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m., and the worship service is at 10:30 a.m. The worship leader and music leader will be Amy Bullick, and the piano will be by Cathy Staggs. The morning message will be, “Our Compassionate Father,” by Mike Bullick, pastor.

Christ United Methodist Church

On Sunday, Feb. 23, worship service at Christ United Methodist Church, 477 N. Wabash St., is at 10 a.m. Pastor Chris Tiedeman’s sermon is from Matthew 17:1-9 titled, “Sharenting the Transfiguration.” Check us out at wabash-christumc.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/.

Dora Christian Church

At the Sunday, Feb. 23 worship services at Dora Christian Church, 2325 S. Salamonie Dam Road, the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. The message for the 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. services in our February “Loving Like You Mean It” series will be, “Love that Lasts” from 1 John 4:16-18. The Communion Table will be served by John Troyer and Bill Miller. Children’s Church at the 10:30 a.m. service will be led by John Troyer and Janene Wisniewski.

First United Methodist Church

On Sunday, Feb. 23, at First United Methodist Church, 110 Cass St., worship services will be at 8 and 10 a.m., with a coffee hour following the 10 a.m. service in the MAC. At the 8 a.m. service, the opening prayer and scripture reading will be by Pastor Nathan Whybrew. At both the 8 and 10 a.m. services, the prelude and postlude will be by Kathy Geible, the children’s message will be by Caden Maple and Brandon McKillip, the sermon series will be, “Visions of Success,” the scripture will be Matthew 5:1-16 and the sermon will be, “Com-

munity Involvement,” by Pastor Nathan Whybrew. At the 10 a.m. service, the opening prayer and scripture reading will be by Tucker Whybrew and music will be by the Chancel Choir. Visit us at [wabashfirstumc.org](https://www.facebook.com/wabashfirstumc/) or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/wabashfirstumc/>.

Roann United Methodist Church

On Sunday, Feb. 23 at Roann United Methodist Church, the service will start at 9 a.m. and Sunday school will begin at 10:15 a.m. The greeters will be Steve and Ann Meyer. The worship leader will be Doug Bogert. Pastor Wayne Balmer’s sermon is from Genesis 18:20-33 titled, “Bold Requests.” We will also be celebrating February birthdays.

Wabash First Church of God

In the 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 23 worship service at Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St., Pastor Robb Rensberger’s sermon is titled, “Lent 1.0: Sacrifice.” Sunday servants are Pastor Rensberger, chairperson; Tina Eakright, worship; Nancy Kolb and Rose Sands, special music; Rose Sands, piano; and Nancy Kolb, organ.

Walk by Faith Community Church

At the Sunday, Feb. 23 services at the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school will be at 9 a.m., and the worship and children’s worship will be at 10 a.m. The pastor is Greg Wilburn. The youth pastor is Jody Tyner. Our greeters for this Sunday will be Adam and Amy Copeland, and Craig and Tonya Hoppes. Pastor Greg Wilburn will be sharing the message with us. We invite all to come and worship with us. Visit our website at www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com.
Editor’s note: Have and upcoming event to submit? Send it by email to news@wabashplainedealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.



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Provided photo

A true valentine

Valentine’s Day was just a few days ago and the store aisles were packed with bright red candy boxes, beautiful cards that say “I love you.” But, can a box of candy, or beautiful flowers, or perfume or a pretty card convey the message you want to send? According to Gary Chapman, author of ‘The Five Love Languages,’ giving of gifts is only one of the five “love languages.” And if you don’t know your loved one’s love language, your message of “I love you,” though received may not be heard by your loved one. What is true love? How can you express it with sincerity and meaning? I recently read a definition of love that I liked. “Love is to put yourself in the place of another, to feel their feelings, walk in their shoes, weep with their tears, rejoice in

their joys, take upon yourself their burdens, and give to them your life.” (“The Book of Mysteries,” Jonathan Cahn, Day 12). Love is about the giving of yourself. And giving of yourself covers all the languages of love: quality time, words of affirmation, acts of service, physical touch and giving of gifts. The Bible says God is love, (1 John 4:8). The Bible also says no greater love is this that one should lay down his life for his friends, (John 15:3). My psychology professor in college said that it is very rare for a person to have a friend in their entire life who would die for them. But that is exactly what God did for us. Born of a virgin, he became like us. He felt our pain and sufferings, he walked in our shoes, he wept our tears, rejoiced in our joys,

took upon himself our burdens and gave us his life. His valentine to us is: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16 ESV) Practice the Love God demonstrated for us. Put yourself in the place of others, walk in their shoes, rejoice with their joys, carry their burdens and give from your heart the sacrifice of love.
Dave Snowden and his wife recently moved to the Wabash community to be near six of their 11 grandchildren and their parents. The couple has three adult children and 11 grandchildren. He is a retired Navy Chaplain and veteran of Vietnam and Iraqi Freedom. He also retired from the Christian & Missionary Alliance and Senior Adult Health Care in Friendship Village in Dayton, Ohio.

ASK THE EXPERT

My Friends All Hate Their Hearing Aids

When it comes to hearing devices, it's no secret that most people don't want one. Nevertheless, we all need to hear. We need to hear well to socialize, watch television, talk on the phone, drive a car, and, most importantly, keep our brain active and able to understand speech.

Knowing that hearing well is a responsibility to ourselves and to others, why are people still so hesitant to try hearing devices? Jenny Morrow got her first pair of hearing devices at Beltone Indiana. “I could hear, but I couldn’t understand. I would mistake one word for another. I just didn’t know where to start. It seemed to me that all of my friends hated their hearing aids. I wondered if I should even bother getting one.”

Beltone Hearing Care Practitioners say that they hear comments like this all the time. “It seems like people who love their hearing aids never say much about them – either because they don’t think about it, or because they prefer that others not know they are wearing one. People who are unhappy with their hearing aids, however, are more likely to share their frustrations with others.”

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The Bottom Line
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Gospel Light Assembly of God, 347 Southwood Drive. Pastor Neil Jeffrey. Sunday School 9:45am (all ages). Morning worship service 10:30am. Evening service 6pm. Wednesday midweek service 7pm; Kids' Korral Wednesday 7pm. Youth meeting 7pm (ages 12-19).

 **Sweetwater Assembly of God**, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade).

BAPTIST

Emmanuel Free Will Baptist, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available.

Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm.

 **Wabash Free Will Baptist Church**, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

CATHOLIC

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 **St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, Main Street in Lagro. Holy Mass 12:30pm the 1st Sunday of the month except January and February.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **Christian Heritage Church**, 2776 River Road. (260) 774-3016. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm.

LaFontaine Christian Church, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine. Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Sunday School 9am, Worship 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available.


CHURCH OF CHRIST

 **Church of Christ**, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.

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First Church of God, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.


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 **Wabash Christian Church**, 110 W Hill Street. Rev. Haley Asberry, Minister. (260) 563-4179. Worship 9:30am. Sunday School 11am. Nursery provided.

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 **North Manchester United Methodist Church**, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Mark Eastway. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

Richvalley United Methodist Church, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all ages.

 **Roann United Methodist Church**, Corner of Adams and Arnold Street, Roann. Pastor Wayne Balmer. (765) 833-2931. Worship Celebration 9am. Sunday School 10:15am.



WHAT IT'S WORTH



People hold different values; one may prize honor above all other virtues, another may think loyalty is more important. Values are strongly conditioned by upbringing and your house of worship plays a vital role in shaping these values. Just as an education about art can help one appreciate art, so can a religious education prepare one to make moral choices. Provide your children with a religious education. Attend the house of worship of your choice this and every week.

Daily Bible Reading						
1 Cor. 13:1-13	Colossians 1:1-23	Colossians 1:24-2:5	Colossians 2:6-3:4	Colossians 3:5-4:1	Colossians 4:2-18	Jude 1-25
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Racist taunts lead to fracas after Nebraska high school game

FREMONT, Neb. (AP) — Some fans at a recent Fremont High School girls basketball game aimed racist remarks at the visiting Lincoln High School team, leading to a post-game scuffle among fans of the two teams and to a punch being thrown, administrators from the two districts said.

At least one Lincoln student struck a Fremont student during the fracas after the Feb. 7 game, the districts said in a joint news release Wednesday, the Lincoln Journal Star reported.

A Fremont police spokesman told The Associated Press on Thursday that the assault case remains active but there has been no arrest.

Lincoln's coach, Dominique Kelley-Johnson, said several Fremont fans in the stands were wearing Trump 2020 shirts and hats, and that a man approached her players before the game and said, "Black and Latino unemployment is the lowest it's ever been," the Journal Star reported.

Pitt hoops, football placed on 3 years' probation by NCAA

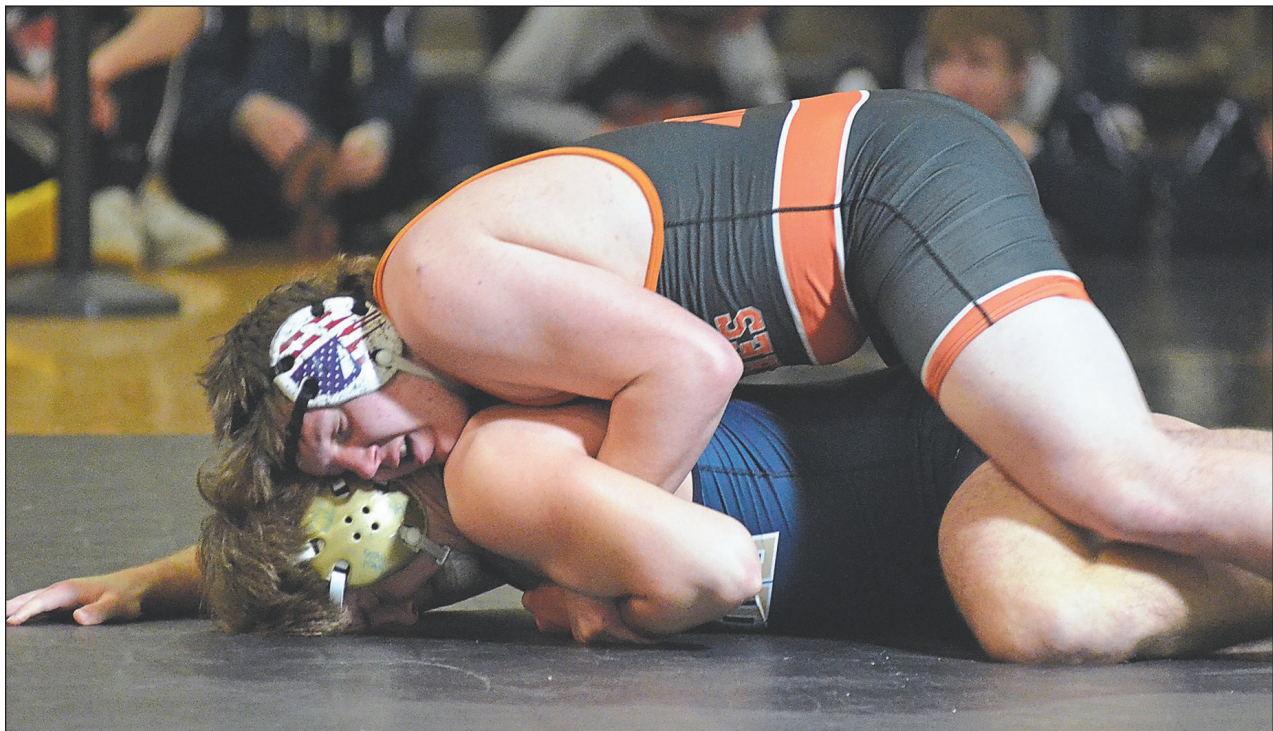
INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The University of Pittsburgh football and men's basketball programs have been placed on probation for three years by the NCAA for a series of level II violations between 2015 and 2018.

Former men's basketball coach Kevin Stallings was given a three-year show-cause order by the NCAA as part of the punishment announced Thursday. The NCAA found that Stallings — who coached at Pitt from 2016-2018 — allowed three noncoaches to perform coaching duties, meaning the school went over its allotment of practices. The NCAA also found that Stallings developed an alert system to make sure the noncoaches would not be caught on the practice floor. Stallings also ordered personnel to delete practice video to prevent the illegal practices from being discovered by the school administration.

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Wabash's Grant Warmuth (top) pins his opponent to the mat during the regional final at Peru earlier this postseason.

Jacob Rude / Plain Dealer

Trio of grapplers set to head to state

By **JACOB RUDE**
sports@wabashplaindealer.com

Wabash head coach Jake O'Neill called this weekend's state tournament a celebration to close the season. It's a fitting way to look at the final event of the year in which the Apaches will send a pair of grapplers in Ethan Higgins and Grant Warmuth while Manchester's Dylan Stroud will join as well. "It's always fun man," O'Neill said. "I grew up going to this tournament and I know how special this tournament is. To have athletes be able to have that experience is pretty awesome. It's special to me and I know it's going to be special to them. It really does truly mean something."

While the Apaches will send at least one wrestler to state for the third year running, it's Stroud who took the headlines in last week's semi-state meet at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum.

Stroud continued his unbeaten season by taking home the 126-pound semi-state title, downing Bluffton's Landon Bertsch, ranked No. 12 in the state,

in the final by decision, 3-0. While Stroud admitted emotions were high after winning quarterfinal match to earn a spot at state, his goals never changed on the day.

"In my ticket round match I was very confident and ready to go," he said. "Once the first whistle blew I was pumped and ready to go. I controlled the whole match and when the final seconds came down, I couldn't even believe it. All the hard work in (practice) and outside getting mentally prepared paid off. But I was there for something more than my ticket punched. I was there to win."

Stroud, who finished the regular season ranked No. 16 in his weight class, knocked off No. 14 Payne Blackburn of Delta in the semi-final. The win served as another mark on a long list of impressive victories this season as Stroud enters the state meet with a 39-0 record.

"Being unbeaten has been a pretty awesome experience but being undefeated makes you have big red target on your back and I love it," he said. "I love having to work for it and the compe-

tition I get from it. One of the biggest keys to success is wrestling the best competition I can get. We look at the match-up and I take the (opponent's) best kid."

Both Higgins at 120 pounds and Warmuth at 220 pounds admitted a mix of excitement and nerves at last week's meet after punching their tickets to state.

"Constant hard work, maintaining consistency and good partners," Higgins said of the keys to his success this season. Ranked at No. 18 in the final regular season poll, Higgins captured Three Rivers Conference (TRC), sectional and regional titles and holds a 32-3 mark with two of those losses coming in last week's semi-state as the junior took fourth.

Warmuth, who attributed much of his success this year to improved conditioning, also took fourth at the semi-state. Warmuth sits at 29-7 on the season heading into Friday's state finals.

"It means absolutely everything," O'Neill said of sending wrestlers to state for the third straight season. "It's what I want these kids to gun for, to aim for and to

work for. It's such a tough sport and it's such a grueling, grueling season. To be able to celebrate the end of the season with an event like this, like I said, it's special. This is what I want our program to be about. I want to continue our tradition of doing this."

The format of the state meet will see one opening round match for every wrestler. A win will guarantee them an All-State spot and advance them to Saturday where they will wrestle three times to determine their final standing.

Stroud opens with a contest against Ashton Hayhurst of Evansville Mater Dei. Hayhurst ended the regular season ranked No. 9 and holds a 24-7 record.

"My expectation is to head to (the meet) with a full head of confidence and to dominate," Stroud said. "That's all we talk about is being confident and dominating. I want to be the best I can be mentally and physically and win."

Higgins will take on No. 3 Giovanni Diaz of Wheeler, who is 39-1 on the year.

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Mamukelashvili shot at buzzer lifts Seton Hall over Butler

By **TOM CANAVAN**
Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — With the game tied and less than a second to play, Seton Hall coach Kevin Willard had a feeling Butler would be looking for Pirates' leading scorer Myles Powell to get the ball.

So he called a play Sandro Mamukelashvili, one he had seen a couple of months ago watching the Sacramento Kings on television in the wee hours of the morning.

Mamukelashvili hit an off-balance shot in the lane at the buzzer to give No. 16 Seton Hall a stunning 74-72

victory over No. 21 Butler on Wednesday night.

The game-winning shot came on an inbounds play after the officials reviewed a missed shot by Quincy McKnight and added two tenths of a second, putting 0.6 on the clock.

"The play was to throw it up and have Sandro go get it and hope for a miracle," Willard said.

Mamukelashvili, who scored 11 of his 15 points in the second half, said he had time to briefly catch the inbounds pass by McKnight and put up it, where it hit the rim and rolled in.

"I don't know if it was dif-

ficult or not. I just shot it," said the junior from the Republic of Georgia. "At that moment I just wanted to score the basket. Probably it is a difficult shot, but Quincy just threw it so good it made it look easy."

After being mobbed by his teammates, Mamukelashvili went to the corner and hugged his father, Zurab, who had made the trip overseas to see his son for the first time since May.

"It's a cancer day and my father is a cancer survivor so it was just great, great," the power forward said after Seton Hall (19-7, 11-3) ended a two-game losing streak.

Butler (19-7, 7-7) had made three 3-pointers in the final 64 seconds to wipe out a five-point deficit. Sean McDermott hit the last two, tying the game at 72 with 8.8 seconds left.

"Each and every night it's going to come down to one or two possessions," Butler coach LaVall Jordan said of Big East games. "You know that. It's my third year and it hasn't changed."

Jordan said he brought in 6-foot-10 John-Michael Mulloy to add more size to his lineup, thinking the play would go to 7-foot-2

See **SETON HALL**, page B2

NFL owners approve negotiated terms for new labor agreement

By **BARRY WILNER**
AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK — The NFL has put the labor ball in the players' hands.

In a somewhat surprisingly strong decision, the 32 team owners voted Thursday to "accept the negotiated terms on the principles of a new collective bargaining agreement."

Details of that agreement were not forthcoming from any of the owners or Commissioner Roger Goodell. They quickly scurried from a Manhattan hotel without

nothing more than "sorry, can't help you," or "I can't comment" when asked about the proposed CBA.

Now the onus is on the players, who have a conference call Friday involving its executive committee and player representatives. The NFL Players Association said it would not comment Thursday on the NFL's announcement.

Such quick action by the owners indicates their eagerness to replace the 10-year labor agreement that concludes in March 2021. Several elements of a new CBA

could be implemented for the upcoming season should the players vote in favor of it.

That, of course, is no given. Should the players vote against accepting this proposal or seek further negotiations, the NFL has said the current agreement would remain in place for 2020. A league statement put a deadline on acceptance by the union, saying "since the clubs and players need to have a system in place and know the rules that they will operate under by next week."

The league's business year begins March 18.

Among the items in that proposal, according to several people familiar with the negotiations but speaking anonymously because they are not authorized to release such information:

■ A 17-game schedule, which always has been a stumbling block in talks with the NFL Players Association. More roster spots per team would be a must for the players.

A 17th game would preferably be played at neutral sites, which one of the people familiar with the talks said could include non-NFL

Jackson-Davis career game leads Indiana past Minnesota 68-56

By **DAVE CAMPBELL**
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Overdue for a tough-minded performance on the road, Indiana heeded coach Archie Miller's call to "make the game a little bit grimy."

Minnesota stumbled right in to the muck.

Trayce Jackson-Davis had 27 points and 16 rebounds, both career highs, to lead Indiana's second-half takeover of Minnesota for a critical 68-56 victory on Wednesday night.

"I was just energized. My teammates really hyped me up in practice. They put a big emphasis on pounding the ball inside, and I think we did that really well," said Jackson-Davis, who leads all Big Ten freshmen in scoring.

Minnesota native Race Thompson added nine points and 10 rebounds and Devonte Green scored 11 points for the Hoosiers (17-9, 7-8), who moved out of the bottom four of the conference with just their second win in their last seven games.

"Just grit. We wanted it really bad," Thompson said.

Payton Willis and Marcus Carr each scored 12 points for the Gophers (12-13, 6-9), who went just 4 for 25 from 3-point range and 10 for 19 from the free-throw line. Daniel Oturu added 11 points and 14 rebounds for the Gophers, who have lost five of their last seven games. Gabe Kalschauer missed eight of his nine 3-point attempts and finished with six points.

"Kalschauer's not going to shoot like that probably ever again, so we were a little bit fortunate," Miller said.

Thompson's pair of free throws with 16:06 left gave the Hoosiers the lead for the first time in more than 19 minutes, and they fired up their defense from there. Kalschauer, who's shooting about 8 percent worse from long range this season than in his freshman year, missed three 3-pointers on the same possession. Oturu grabbed the rebound of the third clank, drew a foul and, fittingly, missed both free throws to yield zero points for all that hustle.

"You have to go hard at everything else when shots aren't falling," Willis said, later adding: "I don't know what it was, but there's clearly some frustration out there."

Jackson-Davis teamed with Thompson to play stifling defense around the rim on Oturu, who has had his way with most Big Ten big men as the second-leading scorer in the league.

"I've played against him since I was in eighth grade. so we had a pretty good game plan going in," Thompson said.

Jackson-Davis made just as much of an impact with the ball, of course, including a one-handed slam off a slick

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SCOREBOARD

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Standings through Wednesday games

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE						
	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Louisville	13	3	.813	22	5	.815
Duke	12	3	.800	22	4	.846
Florida St.	12	3	.800	22	4	.846
Virginia	10	5	.667	18	7	.720
NC State	8	7	.533	17	9	.654
Notre Dame	7	8	.467	16	10	.615
Syracuse	7	8	.467	14	12	.538
Clemson	7	8	.467	13	12	.520
Georgia Tech	7	8	.467	13	13	.500
Boston College	7	9	.438	13	14	.481
Virginia Tech	6	9	.400	15	11	.577
Pittsburgh	6	10	.375	15	12	.556
Miami	6	10	.375	14	12	.538
Wake Forest	4	12	.250	11	15	.423
North Carolina	3	12	.200	10	16	.385
Wednesday's Games						
Louisville 90, Syracuse 66						
Georgia Tech 86, Wake Forest 79						
Virginia 78, Boston College 65						
NC State 88, Duke 66						
Miami 102, Virginia Tech 95, 30T						
Saturday's Games						
Virginia at Pittsburgh, Noon						
North Carolina at Louisville, 4 p.m.						
Florida St. at NC State, 4 p.m.						
Georgia Tech at Syracuse, 4 p.m.						
Clemson at Boston College, 6 p.m.						
Virginia Tech at Duke, 8 p.m.						

BIG EAST CONFERENCE						
	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Seton Hall	11	3	.786	19	7	.731
Creighton	10	4	.714	21	6	.778
Villanova	9	4	.692	20	6	.769
Providence	8	6	.571	15	12	.556
Marquette	7	6	.538	17	8	.680
Butler	7	7	.500	19	8	.704
Xavier	6	7	.462	17	9	.654
Georgetown	5	8	.385	15	11	.577
St. John's	3	10	.231	14	12	.538
DePaul	1	12	.077	13	13	.500

Seton Hall 74, Butler 72
 Providence 73, Georgetown 63
 Villanova 91, DePaul 71

Saturday's Games

Marquette at Providence, Noon
 Villanova at Xavier, 2:30 p.m.
 Georgetown at DePaul, 9 p.m.

BIG TEN CONFERENCE						
	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Maryland	12	3	.800	22	4	.846
Penn St.	10	5	.667	20	6	.769
Iowa	9	6	.600	18	8	.692
Illinois	9	6	.600	17	9	.654
Michigan St.	9	6	.600	17	9	.654
Wisconsin	9	6	.600	16	10	.615
Rutgers	7	7	.563	18	9	.667
Michigan	8	7	.533	17	9	.654
Ohio St.	7	7	.500	17	8	.680
Indiana	7	8	.467	17	9	.654
Purdue	7	9	.438	14	13	.519
Minnesota	6	9	.400	12	13	.480
Nebraska	2	12	.143	7	18	.280
Northwestern	1	14	.067	6	19	.240
Wednesday's Games						

Michigan 60, Rutgers 52						
Indiana 58, Minnesota 56						
Thursday's Games						
Ohio St. at Iowa						
Michigan St. at Nebraska						
Saturday's Games						
Michigan at Purdue, 2 p.m.						
HORIZON LEAGUE						
	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Wright St.	13	2	.867	23	5	.821
N. Kentucky	11	4	.733	19	8	.704
Youngstown St.	8	6	.571	15	12	.556
Green Bay	8	6	.571	13	12	.481
Ill.-Chicago	8	7	.533	13	14	.481
Milwaukee	7	7	.500	12	15	.462
Cleveland St.	6	8	.429	10	17	.370
Oakland	5	9	.357	10	17	.370
Tulip	4	10	.286	6	21	.222
UIPUI	2	13	.133	6	22	.214
Thursday's Games						

N. Kentucky at Cleveland St.	
Wright St. at Youngstown St.	
Today's Games	
Green Bay at Detroit, 7 p.m.	
Milwaukee at Oakland, 8 p.m.	
Saturday's Games	
N. Kentucky at Youngstown St., 2 p.m.	
Wright St. at Cleveland St., 3 p.m.	
UPUI at Ill.-Chicago, 4:12 p.m.	
MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE	
	Conference All Games
	W L Pct W L Pct
Akron	10 3 .769 20 6 .769
Bowling Green	10 3 .769 19 7 .731
Buffalo	8 5 .615 17 9 .654
N. Illinois	8 5 .615 15 9 .577
Kent St.	7 6 .538 17 9 .654
Ball St.	7 6 .538 14 12 .538
Cent. Michigan	6 6 .500 13 12 .520
E. Michigan	5 8 .385 15 11 .577
Ohio	5 8 .385 13 15 .500
Toledo	4 9 .308 12 14 .462
W. Michigan	4 9 .308 11 15 .423
Miami (Ohio)	3 9 .250 10 15 .400

Wilder, Fury, to answer questions in big heavyweight rematch

By **TIM DAHLBERG**
AP Boxing Writer

LAS VEGAS — The best fights come with questions, and there are many surrounding Deontay Wilder and Tyson Fury as they meet in a rematch that is arguably the biggest heavyweight title fight since Lennox Lewis destroyed Mike Tyson 18 years ago in Memphis.

The best fighters usually end up providing the answers, and that’s what makes Saturday’s showdown must-see TV even for those who are only casual fans.

Can Fury outbox Wilder again like he did in the first fight, which ended in a draw? Can Wilder land the same kind of devastating punches that left Fury flat on his back in the 12th round of that fight, seemingly for good, in the 11th defense of his title?

Can one heavyweight rule

the roost and give boxing the champion — and division — the sport has been thirsting for all these years?

Tune in to the \$79.99 pay-per-view to see those questions answered in a heavyweight fight so big it got a shout-out this week from Amy Klobuchar in the Democratic presidential debate.

“Boxing is back,” promoter Bob Arum crowed. “And as a really important sport, not a niche sport anymore.”

The heavyweight division is back, too, with Wilder and Fury topping a list of attractive fighters that includes another British fighter, Anthony Joshua, and the portly yet charming Andy Ruiz Jr.

Wilder and Fury could make \$40 million each in their eagerly anticipated rematch, and there are plenty of heavyweight matchups to get people talking about the big guys once again.

And big they are, with

Wilder checking in at 6-foot-7 and 230 pounds of frightful power. Fury is more of a boxer but even bigger at 6-9 and 270, which he reminded Wilder of as they stood in a toe-to-toe face off at Wednesday’s final prefight news conference to promote the bout.

“Look how small you are, you midget,” Fury barked at Wilder.

“You’re the one who was on the ground,” Wilder replied. “I was standing on top of you.”

That’s exactly where Wilder was in the 12th round in the first fight in Los Angeles, and he thought Fury wasn’t getting up. With good reason, because the other fighters he has knocked out during his career — 41 of the 42 he faced before Fury, to be exact — didn’t.

Fury, though, not only somehow managed to pull himself up but finished the

fight strong. The official decision was a draw that satisfied neither fighter, but the fight was so entertaining it was certain they would do it again.

Fourteen months later they are doing just that — and Wilder (42-0-1, 41 knockouts) said this time Fury won’t be upright at the end.

“Round 12 has been living in his mind a long time,” said Wilder, the 2008 Olympic bronze medalist from Birmingham, Alabama. “It’s always living in his head. If he says otherwise, he’s lying.”

To be sure, round 12 is living in a lot of heads lately because ESPN and Fox Sports have replayed the knockdown hundreds of times in a relentless buildup for the fight. The two networks are combining to show the pay-per-view, as well as hosting a flurry of programming leading up to the bout.

It may not hit the 1.99 mil-

lion pay-per-views that Tyson and Lewis combined to sell in 2002, but it’s not for a lack of trying. Both Fury and Wilder talk as well as they fight, and they have done everything possible to make themselves household names in houses where boxing is not normally discussed.

That included some pushing and shoving and trash talking when they met this week at the MGM Grand in a news conference televised by ESPN2 and Fox Sports I that was mostly an infomercial — complete with commercial breaks — for those unfamiliar with the fighters.

“It’s refreshing to have another character in your division be able to talk and promote as well,” Wilder said. “A lot of these guys don’t want to talk and you have to spread the message. And the message is on Saturday night people can witness an amazing fight and, in my case, the

hardest-hitting puncher in boxing history.”

That’s debatable, of course, but if styles do really make fights, the two heavyweights should put on a good clash in their rematch. Wilder is predicting a real knockout this time, while Fury says he will turn the tables and go after the big puncher instead of boxing his way to a decision win.

“He’s a bully and when a bully gets bullied he falls every time,” Fury (29-0-1, 20 knockouts) said. “Is there anything the Gypsy King can’t do?”

Odds makers posted the fight as pick ‘em with no betting favorite, a rare line in boxing. The line is appropriate, if only because these are arguably the two best heavyweights in the world — and they’re not afraid to meet each other in one of the biggest heavyweight show-downs in recent times.

Bounce back: MLB veterans to watch in spring games

By **DAVID BRANDT**
Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Giancarlo Stanton’s intimidating presence was missing from the middle of the Yankees’ lineup for a big chunk of 2019 because of an injury-filled season.

As he tries to bounce back, the New York slugger will have his spring at-bats analyzed more than most.

Spring training game action begins in Arizona on Friday with a meeting between the Texas Rangers and Kansas City Royals while the other 28 teams play their first exhibition games in the Grapefruit and Cactus Leagues on Saturday.

The games — especially early in the spring — are often filled with young prospects and others who are longshots to make opening day rosters. Most veterans will be eased into games and their stats won’t be particularly important as they tinker with batting stances, pitch repertoires and gradually build toward the first regular-season games on March 26.

For others, the exhibition games are a little more important. Stanton is one of those exceptions.

The 6-foot-6, 245-pounder played in just 18 games last season, batting .288 with three homers in 59 at-bats. He hit 38 homers in his first year with the Yankees in 2018 and a career-high 59 in 2017 with the Miami Marlins.

In spring training, it will be interesting to see how much time he spends in the outfield and how much

time he’s the designated hitter.

“No limitations,” Stanton said on Wednesday in Florida. “Just be smart with the workload getting back into it.”

A few other veterans who will be watched closely over the next month:

LOS ANGELES DODGERS, RHP BLAKE TREINEN

The 31-year-old Treinen was an All-Star and one of the game’s dominant relievers in 2018 with the Oakland A’s, when he had a 9-2 record and 0.78 ERA in 80 1/3 innings.

He regressed quite a bit last season with a 4.91 ERA and a lower strikeout rate.

The Dodgers are betting he can regain some of that 2018 magic after signing him to a \$10 million, one-year deal during the offseason.

CHICAGO CUBS, OF STEVEN SOUZA JR

Souza was one of the game’s promising young power hitters in 2017 after he hit 30 homers with the Tampa Bay Rays.

But after two straight injury-plagued seasons with the Diamondbacks he was non-tendered during the offseason and signed to a one-year deal by the Chicago Cubs.

He missed the entire 2019 season after tearing multiple ligaments in his left knee during spring training.

If he’s healthy, the 30-year-old could provide the Cubs with a capable right-handed bat.

ATLANTA BRAVES, RHP MIKE FOLTYNEWICZ

The 28-year-old was an All-Star in 2018 but struggled through 2019, even getting sent down to the minors midway through the season. He returned in August and pitched a little better, but his season ended on an extremely sour note after he gave up seven runs in just 1/3 inning in a NLDS Game 5 loss to the Cardinals that eliminated the Braves from the playoffs.

BOSTON RED SOX, LHP CHRIS SALE

The seven-time All-Star has been one of the game’s best pitchers for the better part of a decade, but 2019 was a rough year and he finished with a 6-11 record and career-high 4.40 ERA. He was shut down in mid-August with a sore elbow.

The Red Sox hope he can bounce back and once again be their ace, but the spring hasn’t started well after Sale reported to camp a few days late because of pneumonia-induced weakness.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS, RHP CARLOS MARTINEZ

Martinez was an All-Star starting pitcher in 2015 and 2017 but weakness in his throwing shoulder led to a transition to the bullpen last season. The right-hander was good as the closer, saving 24 games, but the Cardinals would like him back in the rotation if his shoulder can handle the workload.

Virus limits Olympic test event to Japanese-only

By **STEPHEN WADE**
Associated Press

TOKYO — A test event for the Tokyo Olympics scheduled for later this month that would have involved some non-Japanese athletes is being revamped because of fear of the spreading virus from China.

It’s now limited to only Japanese athletes with the Olympics just over five months away.

The two-day test event opens at the new Ariake Arena on Feb. 28 and is relatively obscure — a Paralympic test for boccia, a precision ball sport similar to bocce and related to lawn bowling. It’s the first of 19 remaining test events before the Olympics are to open on July 24.

They will be watched closely, as will the start of the torch relay on March 26 in Fukushima, a prefecture devastated nine years ago by an earthquake, tsunami and the meltdown of three nuclear reactors.

The test events may reveal what effect the spreading virus is having on Olympic preparations, and the ability of non-Japanese athletes to safely enter Japan.

They could also shine a spotlight

on Chinese athletes and serve as a reminder that the next Olympics — the Winter Olympics — are in Beijing in 2022.

The deaths in Japan of three Japanese have been attributed to the fast-spreading virus.

The viral outbreak has infected more than 75,000 people globally and has been attributed to over 2,000 deaths in China.

“Obviously, that (test event) is going to be modified, but the test event will go ahead,” Tokyo spokesman Masa Takaya told The Associated Press.

The International Olympic Committee and local organizers have repeated the same message for weeks: there are no plans to cancel or postpone the Olympics. This has only happened during wartime. The Olympics in 1980 and 1984 were held despite boycotts.

In a statement by Tokyo 2020, it quoted the Japan Para Sports Association saying “the JPSA has concluded that further time is necessary to fully analyze the potential impacts” that the virus might have on athletes.

Takaya said the next tests that are scheduled to have an international field include a wheelchair rugby test

on March 12-15, and gymnastics test events on April 4-6. The gymnastics events are partly organized by FIG, the world governing body of gymnastics, the Japan Gymnastics Association, and local organizers.

Takaya said there were no plans to postpone or cancel any test events.

“No, no, no, no, never,” he said.

However, he could not guarantee that non-Japanese athletes would take part in the wheelchair and gymnastics events. It’s possible they might go ahead, as boccia has, with only non-Japanese.

“We still don’t which athletes are competing,” Takaya said. “When it’s the most appropriate time, we will release the participants information.”

His response was the same about all other test events. The last is scheduled to end May 6.

Olympic qualifiers and dozens of sports events across Asia have been postponed or called off, including the indoor world track and field championships in Nanjing, China, and the Formula One race in April in Shanghai. Japan’s Kyodo news agency reported Wednesday that Mongolia’s archery team pulled out of a training camp in central Japan.

AP Was There: An Olympic ‘Miracle On Ice’ as U.S. shocks USSR

By **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

EDITOR’S NOTE — The victory by the U.S. men’s hockey team over the heavily favored Soviet Union at the 1980 Winter Olympics is widely regarded as one of the greatest upsets in sports history. Former AP Sports Editor Wick Temple later wrote: “The old rule that there should be no cheering in the press box was broken at Lake Placid ... Everybody was on a hockey high. And we soon found ourselves dashing out of the newsroom to cover the happy mob that snake-danced down Main Street.” With the 40th anniversary of the game approaching on Feb. 22, The Associated Press is republishing stories from that night:

By **HAL BOCK**
AP Sports Writer

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. — Driven by their own emotion and the cheers of a frenzied, star-spangled crowd, the United States hockey team has delivered what may well be the most stunning upset in Olympic history and stands on the verge of a medal at the 1980 Winter Games.

Call it Team Excitement. This ambitious, energetic squad of college kids ignored adversity and bounced from behind on third period goals by Mark Johnson and Mike Eruzione to score a stunning 4-3 upset victory over the defending champion Soviet Union Friday night.

With roars of “USA! USA! USA!” ringing in their ears, America’s comeback kids rode the red-hot, 36-save goaltending of Jim Craig to a sensational victory that set off a wild celebration, first on the ice and then all over this Olympic town.

Just as the hockey game ended, fireworks exploded over Mirror Lake — part of the traditional awards ceremony saluting Friday’s medal winners, including American slalom racer Phil Mahre. But the coincidence was just too good for the flag-decked crowd that spilled happily into the narrow streets of this tiny village after the American hockey victory.

“In all due respect to that team and to the (American) silver medal team in 1972, this has to be the biggest win in our Olympic history,” said Coach Herb Brooks.

Believe the man.

When the United States swept to the Olympic gold in 1960, the Soviet Union was not yet the hockey powerhouse it is today. The Rus-

sian team America beat 20 years ago was still refining its game. The one American beat Friday night is acknowledged by most hockey people to be the finest unit in the world — and that includes professionals, who these Soviets have often handled with ease.

Brooks knew all that when he delivered his pre-game speech to his team. It was simple and to the point. This is what he told newsmen: “You are born to be a player. You are meant to be here. This moment is yours. You’re meant to be here at this time. Let’s have poise and possession with the puck.”

And then he sent Team Excitement on the ice.

Three times the young Americans fell behind by a goal and each time they came back, first on a goal by Buzz Schneider and then one by Mark Johnson.

Johnson’s goal came with a single slim second left on the clock in the first period. But the Soviets regained the lead again in the second period and limited the Americans to two shots on goal in those 20 minutes. Again, they seemed in control.

Then, midway through the final period, Johnson and captain Mike Eruzione scored goals just 81 seconds apart, putting the United States in front.

Still, there were 10 minutes to play and that can be an eternity. It seemed like one for the Americans, who turned back every Soviet thrust and then exploded in joyful excitement at the final buzzer.

They tackled each other and rolled happily on the ice like so many excited kids, while the Soviets stood and waited for the traditional handshaking ceremony.

The loss was the first in Olympic competition for the Soviets since 1968 and left the Americans needing only a victory over Finland Sunday to clinch the gold. But the Russians still have a shot at the gold. To win it, they would have to beat Sweden Sunday and hope that Finland defeats the United States.

Sweden tied Finland 3-3 in Friday night’s other medal round game. That left the United States with three points, the Soviets and Swedes with two and Finland with one in the mini-tournament to determine the medals.

Federer to miss French Open, other events this year after knee surgery

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**
AP Tennis Writer

Roger Federer will miss the French Open and no fewer than three other tournaments while he is sidelined for at least four months after having arthroscopic surgery on his right knee.

It’s only the second operation for the 38-year-old Federer — the other was on his left knee in 2016 — and one that

is certain to raise questions about his future in tennis.

He posted on social media Thursday that his knee had been an issue “for a little while.”

“I hoped it would go away,” he said.

The man who has spent more weeks ranked No. 1 than any other and owns a men’s-record 20 Grand Slam titles said the operation was in his home country of Swit-

zerland on Wednesday. He currently is ranked No. 3 behind rivals Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal.

“After the procedure, the doctors confirmed that it was the right thing to have done and are very confident of a full recovery,” Federer wrote.

He ended up taking off the last six months of the season after his left knee surgery four years ago. When he returned, he won the Australian Open

and Wimbledon in 2017, then the Australian Open again in 2018, his most recent major championship.

Last month in Melbourne, Federer was hampered by what he said was a groin muscle problem. He needed to erase seven match points to get past Tennys Sandgren in the quarterfinals, then was clearly not quite himself during a straight-set loss to Djokovic in the semifinals.

Now Federer, who for years has faced questions about how much longer he’ll compete, will miss upcoming hard-court tournaments in Dubai, United Arab Emirates; Indian Wells, California; and Miami, along with what was supposed to be a rescheduled exhibition match in Bogota, Colombia, that was canceled in November because of rioting there.

He also is going to sit out

Roland Garros, the next Grand Slam tournament, which begins May 24. That means this will be the fourth time in the past five years that Federer is absent from the clay-court major that he won in 2009 to complete a career Grand Slam.

The French Open is the lone major title he’s won just once; in fact, it is the only one he has not won at least five times.

Daughter plans a wedding without a marriage license

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, “Heidi,” is 39. She is successful, owns her own business and lives with her boyfriend of five years. I’ll call him Rick. They have two beautiful boys, 3 and 18 months. She has decided to tie the knot with Rick with a nice, somewhat big wedding.

As Heidi has gotten older, she has been changing into a different person. She has become self-centered and controlling, and she puts Rick down cruelly at times. I think he’s a good guy, but maybe just not for her. I really don’t know because I stay out of their lives.

What’s making me uncomfortable is, my daughter has told only me that she’s doing all this wedding stuff without getting an actual marriage license. I don’t even know if Rick is aware. I looked this up and saw that some people are now having what’s called “commitment ceremonies.” When I tried to talk to her about it, she became defensive, cut me off, and then sent me a long, nasty email. So now I just step back.

When I think of the guests (100 to 150), I feel she should be honest and call it what it is. We are presently not communicating because I won’t respond to that kind of email. I won’t argue with her. But I don’t know where to go at this point. I’m worried about her state of mind. She is supposedly seeing a therapist, and a few weeks back I suggested she and Rick get marriage counseling. I would love to hear your thoughts. — Traditional Mom In The East

DEAR TRADITIONAL MOM: Your daughter is an adult, and if you refuse to have anything to do with this charade, I would understand. When guests are invited to a “wedding,” gifts are expected. If it’s a production that’s only for show, the couple is committing fraud and taking advantage of the generosity of their guests.

When couples marry, they must first take out a marriage license, which BOTH must sign. No license, no marriage. Unless your daughter’s boyfriend is completely clueless, she won’t be able to slip this by him. Although people do have commitment ceremonies these days, guests should be told that is what they will be witnessing, and both partners should agree on it.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to a wonderful man for 20 years. It has been a pretty good marriage. I have tolerated a few of his family members’ rudeness to me, although I have no problem speaking up when I need to, and my husband always defends me as well.

My father-in-law recently passed, and I adored him. For his wake, my two sisters-in-law made a slide show of his life with hundreds of family photos. There was not one single photo of my father-in-law and me. I feel it was the final straw. I have no more room in my heart and life for them. Am I being too sensitive? My husband hasn’t spoken to them since the funeral. I really need your advice on this. — Picturing It Over In Texas

DEAR PICTURING IT: I’m glad you asked. Please accept my sympathy for the loss of someone so close to your heart. But as close as you felt to him, your sisters-in-law had just lost their father. I’m sure they were (and are) grieving and didn’t use his death as an opportunity to slight you. I sincerely hope you and your husband won’t allow their oversight to cause a permanent rift in the family.

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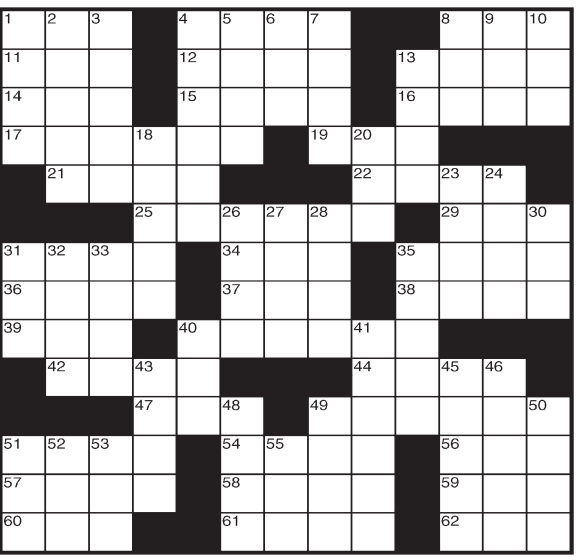
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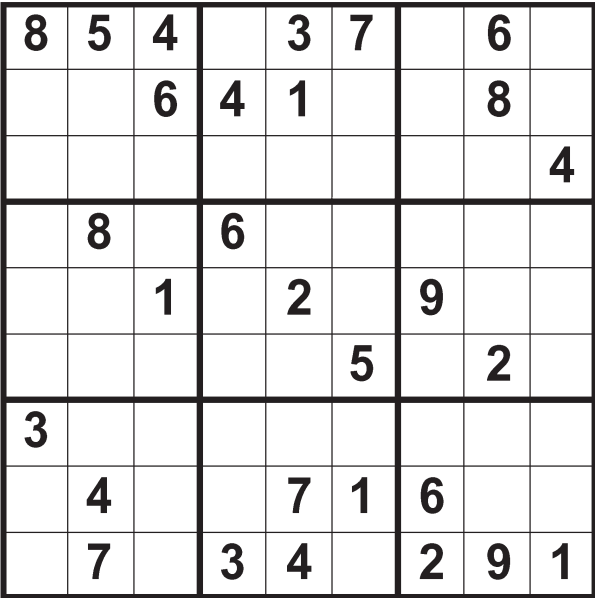
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



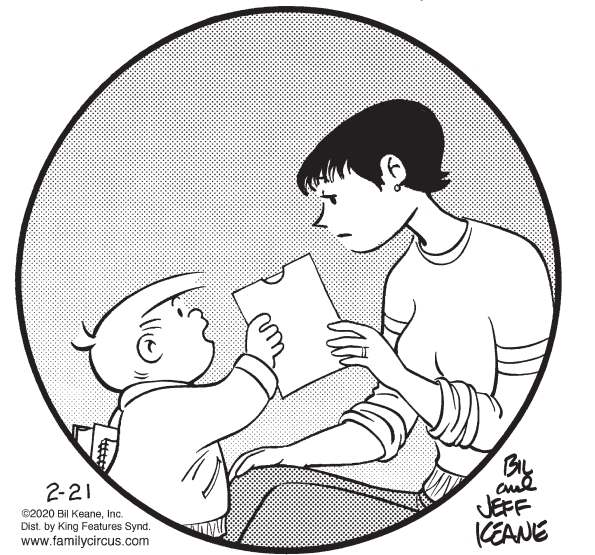
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By Bil Keane



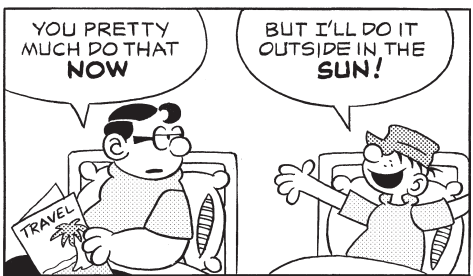
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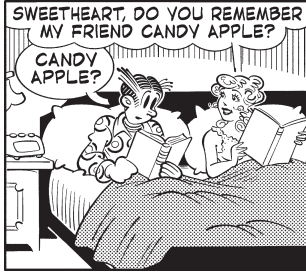
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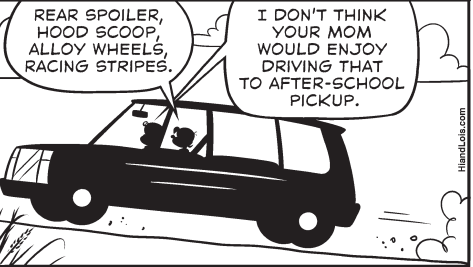
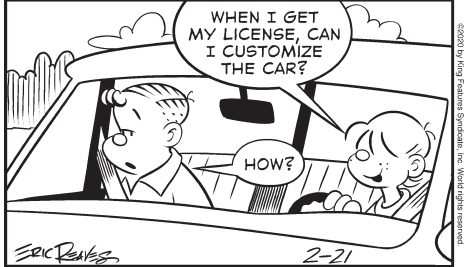
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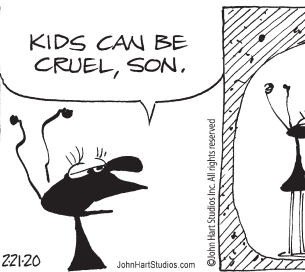
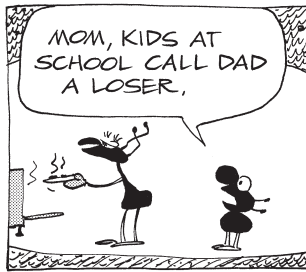
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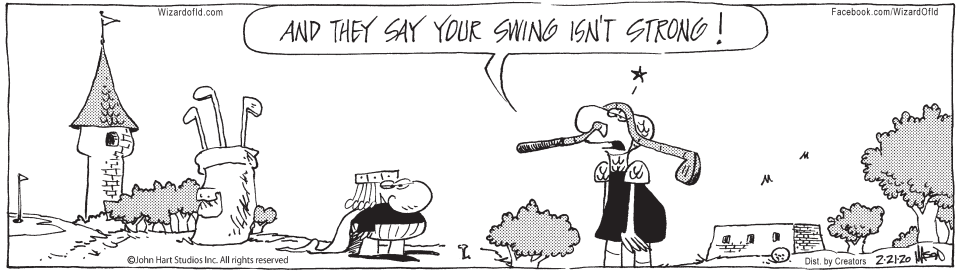
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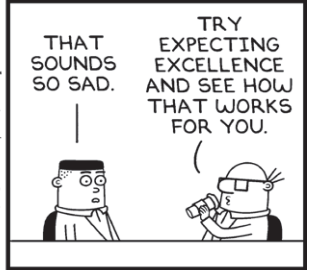
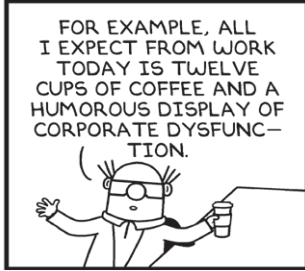
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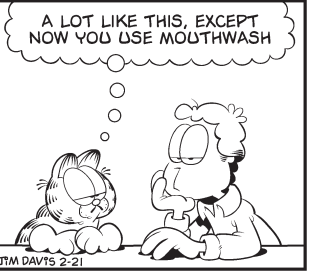
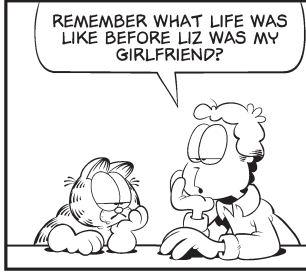
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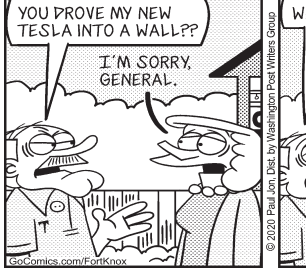
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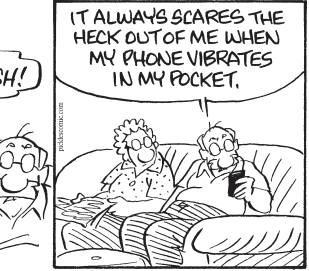
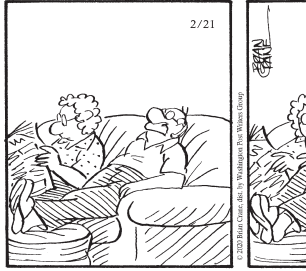
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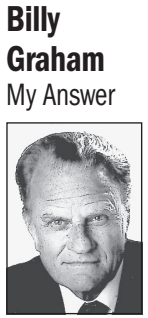
The Bible is a book of many promises

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: I grew up being told that the Bible was a book about sin and hell. Then someone told me it was actually a book with a promise. Is that true? — B.P.

A: The Bible is a book of many promises, and unlike the books of men, it doesn’t change or get out of date. The Bible makes it clear that no problems in our lives are too great or too small for God’s concern. He cares about everything that affects those who belong to Him. If we have no knowledge of God’s promises to us, we will not be able to appropriate them.

While all the promises of the Bible cannot be listed in this brief post, the Bible contains many thousands.



Billy Graham My Answer

God has given us the entirety of His word of truth and we must search it out, for there is great blessing in doing so. From one end of the Bible to the other, God assures us that He will never go back on His promises.

But the greatest of His promises given to all mankind is found in perhaps the best known passage John 3:16. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” God has given His

promise of eternal salvation and says, “If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10:9).

God stands ready to fill us with His words; for there is no greater armor, no greater strength, and no greater assurance that He is with us, and in us. When we walk with Him through this life He will equip and nourish us by His instruction and will help us stand firm on His promises.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“EBS ECXUTEPAEB EVUGT IDG VGNZX UG ENZTAVE AX TZEPPS VGNNAUUZL. UDZTZ ETZ BG LEHPPTX — AU’X EPP GT BGUDABJ.” — NETJGU TGHHAZ

Previous Solution: “I act, but I’m a mother first and wife second. Acting is ... about exploring the human soul.” — Annette Bening

TODAY’S CLUE: M sphen I

Can AI flag disease outbreaks faster than humans? Not quite

By **MATT O'BRIEN**
and **CHRISTINA LARSON**
Associated Press

BOSTON — Did an artificial-intelligence system beat human doctors in warning the world of a severe coronavirus outbreak in China?

In a narrow sense, yes. But what the humans lacked in sheer speed, they more than made up in finesse.

Early warnings of disease outbreaks can help people and governments save lives. In the final days of 2019, an AI system in Boston sent out the first global alert about a new viral outbreak in China. But it took human intelligence to recognize the significance of the outbreak and then awaken response from the public health community.

What's more, the mere mortals produced a similar alert only a half-hour behind the AI systems.

For now, AI-powered disease-alert systems can still resemble car alarms — easily triggered and sometimes ignored. A network of medical experts and sleuths must still do the hard work of sifting through rumors to piece together the fuller picture. It's difficult to say what future AI systems, powered by ever larger datasets on outbreaks, may be able to accomplish.

The first public alert outside China about the novel coronavirus came on Dec. 30 from the automated HealthMap system at Boston Children's Hospital. At 11:12 p.m. local time, HealthMap sent an alert about unidentified pneumonia cases in the Chinese city of Wuhan. The system, which scans online news and social media reports, ranked the alert's seriousness as only 3 out of 5. It took days for HealthMap researchers to recognize its importance.

Four hours before the HealthMap notice, New York epidemiologist Marjorie Pollack had already started working on her own public alert, spurred by a growing

sense of dread after reading a personal email she received that evening.

"This is being passed around the internet here," wrote her contact, who linked to a post on the Chinese social media forum Pincong. The post discussed a Wuhan health agency notice and read in part: "Unexplained pneumonia???"

Pollack, deputy editor of the volunteer-led Program for Monitoring Emerging Diseases, known as ProMed, quickly mobilized a team to look into it. ProMed's more detailed report went out about 30 minutes after the terse HealthMap alert.

Early warning systems that scan social media, online news articles and government reports for signs of infectious disease outbreaks help inform global agencies such as the World Health Organization — giving international experts a head start when local bureaucratic hurdles and language barriers might otherwise get in the way.

Some systems, including ProMed, rely on human expertise. Others are partly or completely automated.

"These tools can help hold feet to the fire for government agencies," said John Brownstein, who runs the HealthMap system as chief innovation officer at Boston Children's Hospital. "It forces people to be more open."

The last 48 hours of 2019 were a critical time for understanding the new virus and its significance. Earlier on Dec. 30, Wuhan Central Hospital doctor Li Wenliang warned his former classmates about the virus in a social media group — a move that led local authorities to summon him for questioning several hours later.

Li, who died Feb. 7 after contracting the virus, told The New York Times that it would have been better if officials had disclosed information about the epidemic ear-

lier. "There should be more openness and transparency," he said.

ProMed reports are often incorporated into other outbreak warning systems, including those run by the World Health Organization, the Canadian government and the Toronto startup BlueDot. WHO also pools data from HealthMap and other sources.

Computer systems that scan online reports for information about disease outbreaks rely on natural language processing, the same branch of artificial intelligence that helps answer questions posed to a search engine or digital voice assistant.

But the algorithms can only be as effective as the data they are scouring, said Nita Madhav, CEO of San Francisco-based disease monitoring firm Metabiota, which first notified its clients about the outbreak in early January.

Madhav said that inconsistency in how different agencies report medical data can stymie algorithms. The text-scanning programs extract keywords from online text, but may fumble when organizations variously report new virus cases, cumulative virus cases, or new cases in a given time interval. The potential for confusion means there's almost always still a person involved in reviewing the data.

"There's still a bit of human in the loop," Madhav said.

Andrew Beam, a Harvard University epidemiologist, said that scanning online reports for key words can help reveal trends, but the accuracy depends on the quality of the data. He also notes that these techniques aren't so novel.

"There is an art to intelligently scraping web sites," Beam said. "But it's also Google's core technology since the 1990s."

Google itself started its own Flu Trends service to detect outbreaks in 2008 by looking

for patterns in search queries about flu symptoms. Experts criticized it for overestimating flu prevalence. Google shut down the website in 2015 and handed its technology to nonprofit organizations such as HealthMap to use Google data to build their own models.

Google is now working with Brownstein's team on a similar web-based approach for tracking the geographical spread of tick-borne Lyme disease.

Scientists are also using big data to model possible routes of early disease transmission.

In early January, Isaac Bogoch, an infectious disease physician and researcher at Toronto General Hospital, analyzed commercial flight data with BlueDot founder Kamran Khan to see which cities outside mainland China were most connected to Wuhan.

Wuhan stopped outbound commercial air travel in late January — but not before an estimated 5 million people had fled the city, as the Wuhan mayor later told reporters.

"We showed that the highest volume of flights from Wuhan were to Thailand, Japan, and Hong Kong," Bogoch said. "Lo and behold, a few days later we started to see cases pop up in these places."

In 2016, the researchers used a similar approach to predict the spread of the Zika virus from Brazil to southern Florida.

Now that many governments have launched aggressive measures to curb disease transmission, it's harder to build algorithms to predict what's next, Bogoch said.

Artificial intelligence systems depend on vast amounts of prior data to train computers how to interpret new facts. But there are no close parallels to the way China is enforcing quarantine zones that impact hundreds of millions of people.

Longtime Indiana amusement park closes after 94 years

MONTICELLO (AP) — A northern Indiana amusement park that entertained generations of visitors with rides, midway attractions and lakeside concerts for nearly a century has closed, park officials said Wednesday, citing the park's disappointing performance.

Indiana Beach, which opened in 1926 and was initially called Ideal Beach, offered roller coasters and other rides from its lakeside site on Lake Shafer in Monticello, about 30 miles north of Lafayette. The park was long known for its slogan and jingle, "There's more than corn in Indiana."

Park officials confirmed that the business had been shuttered after 94 years of operation in a statement issued Wednesday, a day after news of the closure broke. The statement said that "despite significant effort and a great deal of investment in infrastructure and rides, we have not seen an improvement in operating results," WLFJ-TV reported.

"As such, we made the difficult decision to cease operations. This was not a decision entered into lightly," according to the statement.

California-based Apex Parks Group had purchased Indiana Beach in 2015 from Morgan Recreation Vacations of Saratoga Springs, New York.

Apex's purchase marked only the second change the park's ownership after the founding Spackman family sold it to Morgan. That sale

included the amusement park, its campgrounds and hotel.

The park's closure shocked residents and business leaders in Monticello's Twin Lakes region, so-named for Lake Shafer and adjacent Lake Freeman, both of which are popular with summer visitors.

"We didn't see this coming at all," Randy Mitchell, White County's economic development director, told the Journal & Courier.

Indiana Beach and Apex were sued last year after a 12-year-old Lafayette boy died in June 2019 while riding the amusement park's Hoosier Hurricane roller coaster. That lawsuit is pending.

In its heyday, crowds descended each summer on the amusement park, which played host over the decades to prominent acts, including The Who, The Beach Boys, Alice Cooper, The Turtles and Sonny & Cher.

Fred Feigel of Lafayette said he was among about 100 people who attended a 1968 performance of Big Brother & the Holding Company, featuring Janis Joplin. He recalled that many park visitors didn't know who Joplin was and she was able to roam freely during a break in the band's performance.

"During the break, Janis was in the midway around the games and the rides and nobody was hassling her. She was just having a good old time," Feigel told the Journal & Courier.

Custer Fair moving to Indiana after dispute with Evanston

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP) — A suburban Chicago arts festival that's been held for nearly a half-century is moving to northwestern Indiana following a dispute with Evanston officials, organizers said.

The Custer Fair's move to Whiting, Indiana, comes after Evanston officials sabotaged the event's attendance numbers last year, leaving the street fair in debt to the city, said Tammy Szostek, who organizes the festival with her husband, Steve.

She said the move to Indiana was driven by that debt and new fees imposed by Evanston.

"We just couldn't afford it," Tammy Szostek told the Chicago Sun-Times.

She contends that the fair, which had been held in Evanston for 48 years, took a big hit last year when the city forced them to install either expensive gates for crowd control, or have the city provide vehicles to serve the same purpose.

They opted for the vehi-

cles, which were cheaper, but faced a public backlash when the city parked a large Cook County mobile command labeled "Department of Homeland Security" near the front gate. She said people thought the van housed immigration agents.

The two-day festival's attendance dropped to less than 10,000 last year after previously averaging about 85,000 a year, she said. Bad weather contributed to that decline.

Szostek said the fair, which was free to attend, made no money last year and organizers still owe the city \$3,500.

Evanston Mayor Steve Hagerly said there were many issues with the fair, including organizers' failure to pay the city and their non-profit partners.

"Bottom line, the city can't be in the business of subsidizing private-sector losses," he said.

The festival is now planned for June 20-21 at Wolf Lake in Whiting.

Computer scientist who pioneered 'copy' and 'paste' has died

NEW YORK (AP) — Larry Tesler, the Silicon Valley pioneer who created the now-ubiquitous computer concepts such as "cut," "copy" and "paste," has died. He was 74.

He made using computers easier for generations as a proponent and pioneer of what he called "modeless editing." That meant a user wouldn't have to use a keyboard to switch between modes to write and edit, for example.

"The inventor of cut/copy & paste, find & replace, and more was former Xerox researcher Larry Tesler. Your workday is easier thanks to his revolutionary ideas," Xerox said in a tweet Wednesday.

Tesler was born in New York and attended Stanford University, where he received a degree in mathematics in 1965.

In 1973, he joined Xerox Palo Alto Research Center, a division of the copier com-

pany that worked on creating computer products. There, he pioneered concepts that helped make computers more user-friendly. That included such concepts as moving text through cut and paste and inserting text by clicking on a section and just typing.

He continued that work when he joined Apple in 1980. At Apple, he worked on a variety of products including the Lisa computer, the Newton personal digital assistant and the Macintosh.

After leaving Apple in 1997 he co-founded an education software company and held executive positions at Amazon, Yahoo and the genetics-testing service 23andMe before turning to independent consulting.

In 2012, Tesler told the BBC that he enjoyed working with younger people.

"There's a very strong element of excitement, of being able to share what you've learned with the next generation," he said.

Struggling Victoria's Secret sold as women demand comfort

By **ANNE D'INNOCENZIO**
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Associated Press

NEW YORK — Victoria's Secret, which once defined sexy with its leggy supermodels in their lacy bras and oversized angel wings, has a new owner.

Now, the big question is whether the once sought after but now struggling brand can be reinvented for a new generation of women demanding more comfortable styles.

The company's owner, L Brands, said Thursday that the private-equity firm Sycamore Partners will buy 55 percent of Victoria's Secret for about \$525 million. The Columbus, Ohio, company will keep the remaining 45 percent stake. After the sale, L Brands will be left with its Bath & Body Works chain and Victoria's Secret will become a private company.

Les Wexner, 82, who founded the parent company in 1963, will step down as chairman and CEO after the transaction is completed and become chairman emeritus. Wexner has been grappling with his own troubles, including questions over his ties to the late financier Jeffrey Epstein, who was indicted on sex-trafficking charges.

The selling price for Victoria's Secret signifies a marked decline for a brand with hundreds of stores that booked about \$7 billion in revenue last year. Shares of L Brands slid more than 7 percent Thursday though they recovered somewhat by late afternoon. Shares were down nearly 4 percent, or 88 cents, to close at \$23.42.

In a statement, Wexner said the deal will provide the best path to restoring Victoria's Secret's businesses to their "historical levels of profitability and growth." The deal will also allow the company

to reduce debt and Sycamore will bring a "fresh perspective and greater focus to the business," he said.

To successfully turn around Victoria's Secret, Sycamore will need to change up the corporate culture, reinvent the fashions and redesign the stores to make them more contemporary, experts say. Sycamore manages a \$10 billion portfolio including such struggling retailers as Belk, Hot Topic and Talbots.

The management team at Victoria's Secret essentially was designing what men want, not what women want, said Neil Saunders, managing director of GlobalData Retail. "The brand is very embedded in the past," said Saunders. "It was always about men feeling good. It should be about making women feel good about themselves."

Victoria's Secret had a long unparalleled run of success. The brand was founded by the late Roy Larson Raymond in the late 1970s after he felt embarrassed about purchasing lingerie for his wife. Wexner, the founder of the then Limited Stores Inc., purchased Victoria's Secret in 1982 and turned it into a powerful retail force. By the mid-1990s, Victoria's Secret lit up runways and later filled the internet with its supermodels and an annual television special that mixed fashion, beauty and music.

That glamour has faded and so have sales in the last few years. The show was canceled last year, and shares of Victoria Secret's parent have gone from triple digits less than five years ago to a quarter of that today.

Victoria's Secret struggled to keep up with competition and failed to respond to changing tastes among women who want more comfortable styles. Rivals like Adore Me and ThirdLove, which

have sprouted up online and marketed themselves heavily on social media platforms like Instagram, have focused on fit and comfort while offering more options for different body types. Meanwhile, American Eagle's Aerie lingerie chain, which partners with women activists like Manuela Baron, has also lured customers away from Victoria's Secret.

And in the era of the #MeToo movement, women are looking for brands that focus on positive reinforcement of their bodies.

"Victoria's Secret will need to empower women, not make them spectacles," said Jon Reily, senior vice president and global head of commerce strategy at digital consultancy Isobar.

Stacey Widlitz, president of SW Retail Advisors, a retail consultancy, said that Victoria's Secret designs in the last few years were going in the opposite direction of what women wanted, ever sexier and poorer quality.

And while last year Victoria's Secret started featuring more diverse models, including its first openly transgender model, the moves fell short.

Victoria's Secret suffered a 12 percent drop in same-store sales during the most recent holiday season. L Brands said Thursday that same-store sales declined 10 percent at Victoria's Secret during the fourth quarter. Bath & Body Works, which has been a bright spot, enjoyed a 10 percent increase. The skincare chain represents more than 80 percent of L Brands' operating profit.

"The (Victoria's Secret) brand has lost its way, while the lingerie market is not large or high growth, and has become commoditized," Randal Konik, an analyst at Jefferies, wrote Thursday.



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